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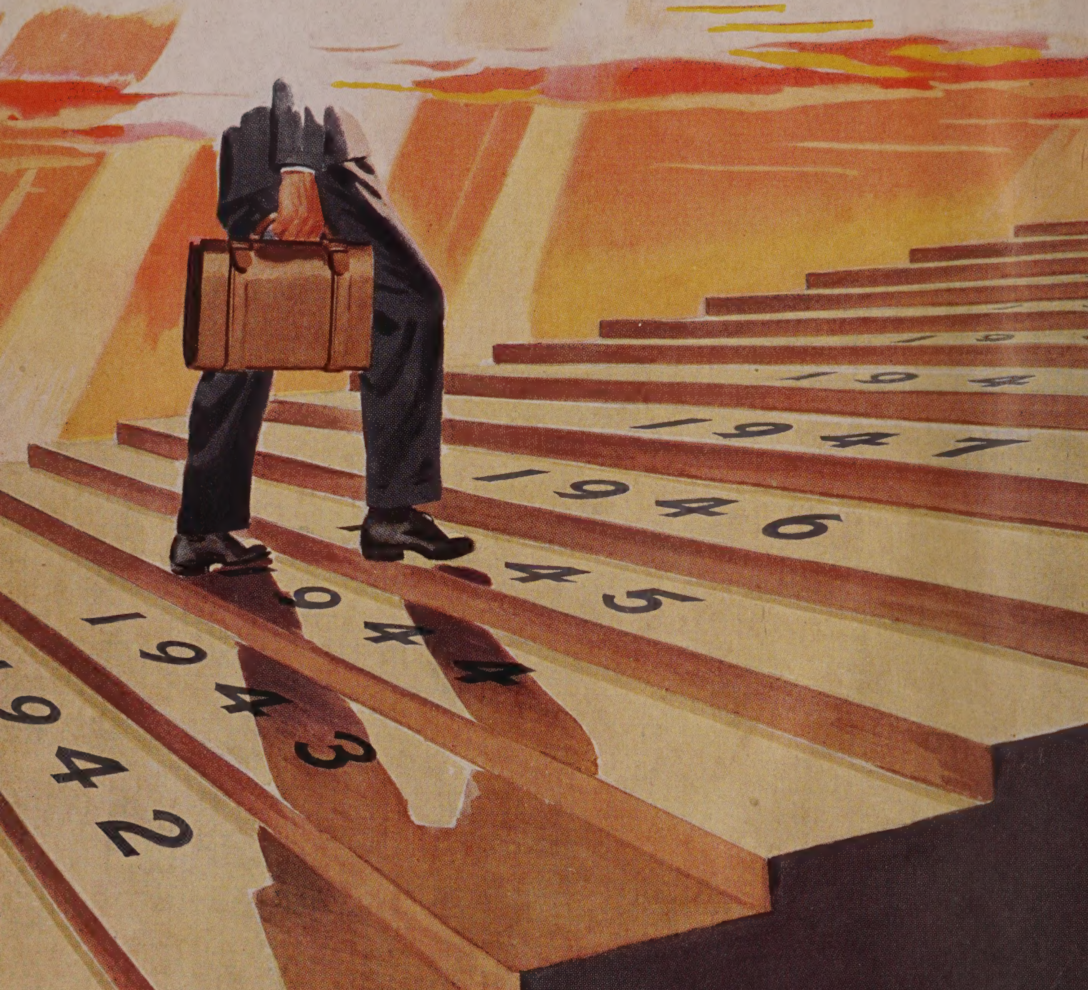
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"MIDDLESEX HOUSE"
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THE
ILLUSTRATED
DIARY

of

JAY R. BENTON

for

JANUARY
1945

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DAVE BENTON.

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BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

AN OLD NEW ENGLAND COMPANY OF HIGH CHARACTER

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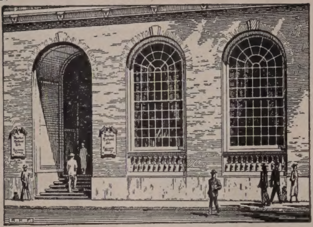

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JOAN SHELDON MARY BOBBY WAITE JOHN

The Sheldons.

NEW YEARS- 1945

Monday, January 1st 1945

Breakfast in bed and reading the papers - up and away at 11 - by cabs all the way to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital to see Mother - she is coming along finely - back home at 1.30 - Dinner at 2 - Afternoon listened to the foot-ball broadcasts - Late in the afternoon Pat called - then came over to tell Frances and me about Marie Dora - John, Mary & I went over and brought Louise to our house. Then came the Sheldon's - parents of Joan - and Robert Waite - Peter's Pal. Eventually supper - and to bed and sleep +

Wednesday, January 3rd 1945

Cold today. Up at the regular time — Breakfast - orange juice - Ralston's - Minced Lamb on Toast - Iced Coffee — to the Square with Frances + gave Everett Hardy a lift - Subway - Office - lugged in Mother's toaster - Work - Russell Gerould of the Governor's Office, was in re the Boston Committee + left at 11.15 + Cars out to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital + saw Mother - Continues to gain rapidly - has been sitting in a chair and walking a bit - left at 12! Cars to Boylston St + to Steuben's to lunch, where Everett Lane met me. Consommé - Fricassee of Veal, Rice Carrots - Roll - Coffee - Tangerine, to Filene's for a shirt - Office - Real Estate + to the Western Union + sent a cablegram to David. Office - Work. Left at 4.45 + Cars all the way home + Upstairs and did a week's testing — Dinner at 6.30 Soup. Meat Loaf — Mashed Potato - Gravy - Spinach with sliced egg. Toast - Milk - Peach Short-Cake. Cleared up after testing - to Bed at 7.30 +

... complete address in plain letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided on the right. Use typewriter, dark ink, or dark pencil. Faint or small writing is not suitable for photographing.

David Benton,
1st Lt. A.C.

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

To:
Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

See Instruction No. 2

From:
Lt. David Benton O-771886
612 Sqdn, 401 Bomb. Gp.
APO 557, c/o P.M. N.Y., N.Y.

(Sender's complete address above)

4 Jan. '45

Dear Mom + Dad,

I'm afraid my homecoming is to be delayed several weeks. I am now in the hospital with a pretty good case of yellow jaundice. The Docs say I will be here from four to six weeks.

It's a tough break but, the rest will do me a lot of good. I lost some weight etc. while flying combat. The important thing, my getting home eventually, is assured. Only wish I could be there for Spike's birthday!

If you get a chance to write, make it v-mail.

Love to all,
Dave

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

REPLY BY V---MAIL

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January 4, 1945

To George, Supt. Abbot Hall
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Sir:

My son, Nicholas Benton, who rooms in #20, Abbot Hall, is being inducted into the military service. He was up to school Tuesday and packed two trunks. It will be appreciated if you will see that the American Railway Express comes and gets them and ship the same, collect, to:

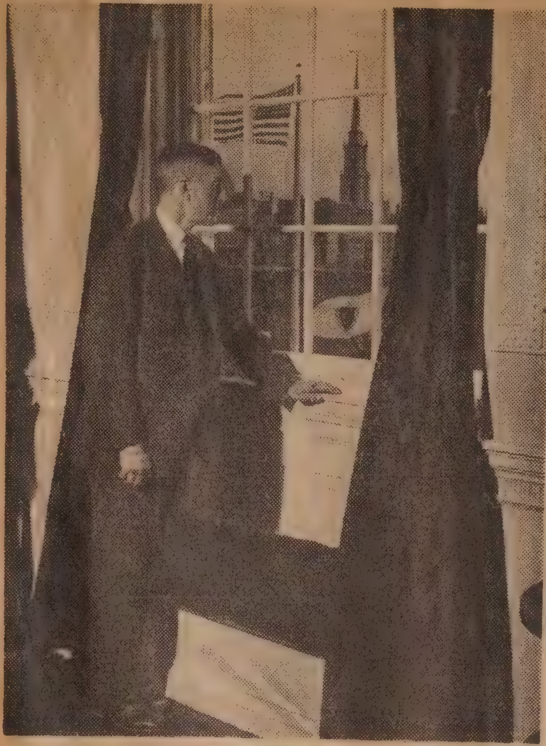
Nicholas Benton
3 Pequossette Road
Belmont, Mass.

Thanking you, I am,

Yours very truly,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC



A FAREWELL TO BOSTON COMMON—On his last day in office as Governor, Leverett Saltonstall was caught gazing out at Boston Common by a camera man from Look Magazine. In the distance is the steeple of the Park Street Church, marking ancient "Brimstone Corner;" and the national and state flags, full blown in the breeze, lend action to the picture, which appears in the current issue today.

LAST LONE WALK down the Beacon street steps of the State House by Ex-Gov. Leverett Saltonstall, following the inaugural of Gov. Tobin.

JAN. 4, 1945

MASSACHUSETTS' NEW GOVERNOR—Solemn and erect, Maurice Tobin takes the oath as Governor of the Commonwealth in inaugural exercises at the State House. At left: Secretary of State Frederic W. Cook, and (at (right) Senate President Arthur W. Coolidge of Reading, who administered the oath. Behind the new Governor is Archbishop Richard J. Cushing.

1-4-45

Plainfield. N.J.
Jan 4-1945.

Dear Friend Jay & Family:-

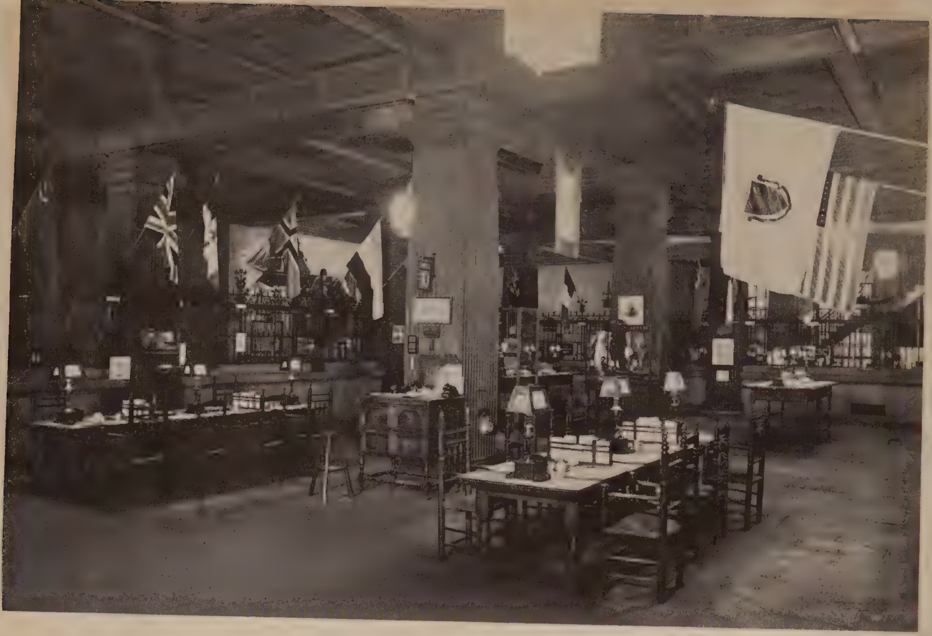
I just received you nice x mas Card, and also you Sons which I take them to be. all In the Service. that is swell and I sure do wish Them all the luck. in the World and hope they Come home to you and the Mrs. soon. I have Two Sons in the So. Pacific, one is in the air Corps. P.O. 2/c a.o.M. and - One is Radar Man. 3/c on board. a. gun Boat. and I have another

Gang. it sure would bring back old Memories. I still play Soft Ball every year and one Game of B. Ball. the old Timer's as they call we still can give them a Battle I Pitched a 7 inning game against our Meter Dept Boys and they swiped all of my players. so I smelt a rat an called up four Boys, from our Electric Plant. so I sprung a little suprise on them. and all they whiffed was the air 7 to 0. our favor. and they hired a Catcher to boot, they never challenged us again

Richard who will be. 17yr old in March. No girls at all or they woued be in the wars well. Jay. when. I read. the Names off on your list, the first one that struck a deep Chord. was the Name. David, as you know we had. the best Short Stop. in the world. in the Person of. Dave Tower, he sure was a good. one. We also had one of the Most and fotriest Catcher and 2d Baseman, No one tried to steal any Bases on them Remember, some of the Boy's I Cant remember, and I sure woued like a Picture of the

I often think of Geo MC Question,
Scotty.- Temple - Thayer. Waugh.
and that sure was some Ball team
I dont think I ever played in faster
company. out of my three Sons, only
one the youngest. Dickie. plays. Foot
Ball. Basket Ball. and. B-Ball
on the. P.H.S. Varsity Squad. and he
is pretty good. he got 2 shut outs
in Soft Ball to last year. so I
guess he has his Dad. beaten. but
I taught him how to pitch so that
is Something, well. Jay I hope this
war will be over. so we can get gas
to come up home every summer for
3 mths that is my family. as the
Bungalow is empty.. well. Jay
as I dont very often write a long letter
I will close with best regards
to you and yours.

A.E. Caswell
"Bubbles" 1234 Cameron ave. Plainfield-N-



MAIN BANKING ROOM

The interior of our Main Office, of which the illustration on the front page shows a section, was planned to interpret as well as possible the friendly, homelike atmosphere which so many of our depositors have told us typifies the service of the State Street Trust Company.

Conference
Here -
Jan. 4. 1945 -

Thursday, January 4th 1945 –

Up betimes and for breakfast – orange juice – Ralstons – fried eggs & Bacon – Toast – Iced Coffee. To the Square with Frances – Left her watch at Stimpson's – Subway – office – work – at 12 over for a conference with Charles Francis Adams at the State Street Trust Company & Fred Church along. Back to the office – Left at 1. To the Ambassador on Winter St. & ate – Fried Scallops – Tartar Sauce – Green Peas – Salad – Roll – Coffee. Fruit Cup – Car out to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital & to see Mother – Eleanore & Josiah there & got back to town at 3. At 3.20 over to Lentino's for a haircut & shampoo – much needed – Back to the office & Work. Left at 4.45 with Moody & Mansfield – to Allston – then home. Girls out. Frances cooking & Broiled Chicken with Garlic and Cream – Rice Fritters – Green Peas & Stuffed Tomato – Waldorf Salad – Milk – Fruit Compote – Mary's Hair-do Night. Nicholas out on what he calls a "Before Leaving Binge" with Kathleen & Jane – to the Parker House for dinner and then to the Boston Garden to the "Ice-Capades".

Friday, January 5th 1945 x

Woke up late - for breakfast - orange juice - Ralstons - Dropped egg on toast - Iced coffee - Frances went into Red Cross early - so I to Town all the way on the cars - Office - work - left at 10.30. to Jordan's to get pictures - cars to Peter Bent Brigham Hospital - called upon mother again - she was sitting up in a chair and in good spirits - Left at 11.45 - cars to Park St. to the Parker House - attended luncheon meeting of the Directors of the Boston Chamber of Commerce - sat with Jim. Gormley & Ainsley Highman - Wm K. Jackson of United Fruit elected president to succeed Henry J. Nichols. For lunch they had fried Schrod - After the meeting walked down to the Chamber of Commerce Building with Edward L. Hubbard of T. D. Whitney - Presided at meeting of the Executive Committee of the Boston Development Council. Started at 2.30 and got through at 4.45 - Long discussion as to the name - finally decided upon "Greater Boston Development

BOSTON DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON 10, MASS.
Telephone Hancock 1250

OBJECTIVE ---- To promote united effort and action in carrying out projects for the further development of Boston as a desirable place in which to live and do business.

January 2, 1945

Executive Committee
Important Meeting
Next Friday, January Fifth

There will be an important meeting of the Executive Committee of the Boston Development Council in the Directors Room of the Boston Chamber of Commerce at two-thirty o'clock next Friday afternoon, January fifth.

Massachusetts will have inaugerated a new governor, the Legislature will have convened and Boston will be preparing to elect a mayor, all of which means that the first six months of 1945 will be of unusual significance.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to pass upon a carefully considered recommendation for outstanding legislative action on the part of the Council.

Very truly yours,

Jay R. Benton

Jay R. Benton, Chairman

Charles E. Lee

MER

Charles E. Lee, Secretary

THE BOSTON HERALD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 1945

Miss Marie Wettlaufer Wed to Capt. Tuttle

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Jules Wettlaufer of Belmont announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Marie Dora Wettlaufer, to Capt. Leslie Tuttle, USA, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Tuttle of Des Moines, Ia., which took place in Boston a week ago today.

Mrs. Tuttle attended the Sacred Heart Country Day School and the Chandler Secretarial School. Capt. Tuttle is stationed at the Army Base here.

BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
80 FEDERAL STREET, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

There will be a meeting of the
Board of Directors
Friday, January 5, at 12:30 p.m.
at the Parker House

M. D. Liming, Secretary

Meeting of the Board of Directors Friday, January 5, at 12:30 p.m., at the Parker House. Present: President Henry J. Nichols and Directors Charles Francis Adams, Frank G. Allen, Arthur J. Anderson, Thomas P. Beal, Jay R. Benton, Robert B. Choate, Dudley H. Dorr, David F. Edwards, James T. Gormley, H. Ainsley Highman, Marland C. Hobbs, Edward L. Hubbard, William K. Jackson, Arthur J. Kelly, James G. Kennedy, Thomas S. Knight, Henry Penn, Charles T. Reardon, Theodore L. Storer, James J. Storrow, M. D. Liming, Managing Director, Arthur S. Harris, Assistant Treasurer, and Henry G. Brown, Publicity Director.

The record of the meeting held November 30, 1944 was approved.

Election of Officers

Mr. Thomas P. Beal, Chairman of the Committee on Organization, presented the following nominations for Officers and Executive Committee members:

President -- William K. Jackson

Vice Presidents -- Charles Francis Adams
Frank G. Allen
Paul F. Clark
P. A. O'Connell

Treasurer -- Thomas S. Knight

Secretary - M. D. Liming

Executive Committee

William K. Jackson, ex officio
Charles Francis Adams
Frank G. Allen
Jay R. Benton
Paul F. Clark
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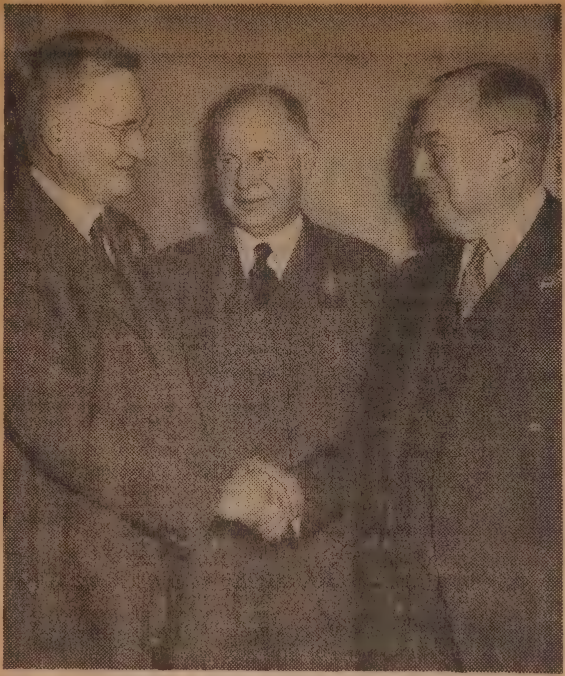
M. D. Liming, ex officio
P. A. O'Connell

Without formal vote, it was agreed that at a subsequent meeting one additional Director should be elected to complete the Executive Committee.

It was unanimously VOTED that the candidates nominated by the Committee on Organization be elected to their respective offices to serve for one year or until their successors have been chosen and qualified.

Following this vote Mr. Nichols expressed his appreciation for the assistance he had received from the Directors during his more than four years as President of the Chamber, and asked Mr. Liming to convey also to the Chamber staff his thanks for their loyal cooperation.

Subsequently, Mr. Jackson, in acknowledging the honor paid him by his election as President, said he would welcome the advice and assistance of members of the Board in undertaking this new responsibility.



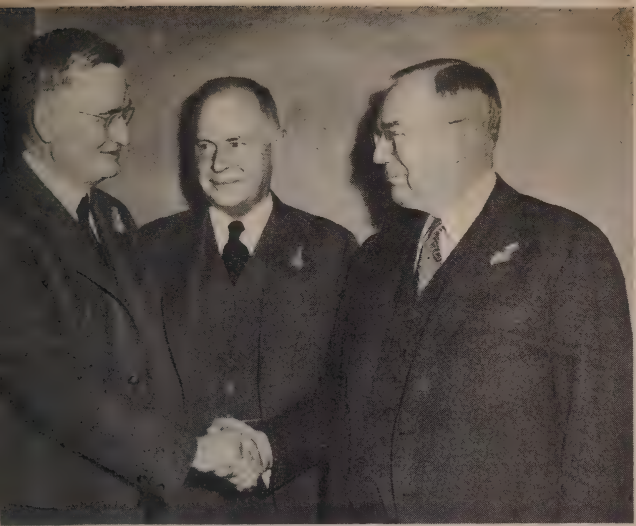
NEW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESIDENT, William K. Jackson, left, receiving the congratulations of the retiring president, Henry J. Nichols yesterday while M. D. Liming, managing director, approves.

W. K. Jackson Heads Boston Chamber

William K. Jackson of Chestnut Hill, vice-president of the United Fruit Company was elected president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce yesterday at a meeting of the directors at the Parker House. He succeeds Henry J. Nichols, vice-president of the National Shawmut Bank, who has headed the chamber for four years.

A vice-president and director of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and a member of the board of trustees of the World Peace Foundation, Jackson has been a director of the chamber and chairman of the governing board of the maritime association of the Boston chamber during the past year.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, American Society of International Law and Foreign Law Association, a director of the Banana Selling Corporation, Canadian Banana Company, Ltd., Fruit Dispatch Company, Jacksonville Precooling Company, Meloripe Fruit Company, Munargo Line Company, and Refrigerated Steamship Line.



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:IE PRESIDENTS SHAKE HANDS. *William K. Jackson (left), :wly-elected president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, receiving the :ngratulations and best wishes of Henry J. Nichols, retiring president, as . D. Liming, managing director of the Chamber, looks on with approbation.*

William K. Jackson Is Elected President of Boston Chamber

LIAM K. JACKSON, vice-
·nt of the United Fruit Co. and
tionally known in shipping and
levelopment circles, was unani-
elected president of the Boston
er of Commerce at a meeting of
ırd of Directors on Jan. 8 at the
House. He succeeds Henry J.
·, vice-president of the National
ut Bank, whose able, progres-
ıministration extended for four

lirectors re-elected as vice-presi-
Hon. Charles Francis Adams,
secretary of the Navy; former
or Frank G. Allen; Paul F.
ıew president of the John Han-
utual Life Insurance Co., and
)'Connell, president, E. T. Slat-
. Thomas S. Knight, vice-presi-
' General Electric Co., was re-
as treasurer. M. D. Liming was
:d as managing director.

ive Committee

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kson, ex officio, Charles Francis
Frank G. Allen, Jay R. Benton,
'. Clark, Thomas S. Knight,
Liming, ex officio, and P. A.
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list of officers and Executive
tee members, all elected unani-
was presented by Thomas P.
airman of the Chamber's Com-
ın Organization.

ving the voting, Mr. Nichols ex-
his appreciation for the assist-
had received from the members
of the Board during his term of office, and wished Mr. Jackson a most successful administration in the best interests of the community and volunteered to co-operate with him in every possible way. Mr. Nichols also wrote a letter to Mr. Liming commending him for his "ever-ready and willing" co-operation and that of the Chamber staff during the past four years.

Busy in U. S. Chamber

Mr. Jackson has served as a director of the Chamber and chairman of the Governing Board of the Maritime Association for the past year. In addition to having been active in the affairs of the Boston Chamber for years, he is at present a vice-president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and has been a director of that organization since 1941. He is also a member of the Executive Committee of the national Chamber and chairman of its committees on International Transport and on Agreements in International Trade. Further, he is a member of the committee on Surplus War Property and an ex officio member of the Transportation and Communication Dept. Committee of the national body and has served as chairman or a member of several more of its committees.

He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of the World Peace Foundation.

Graduated from the University of Florida, where he received an A.B. degree, President Jackson later completed his law studies at the University of Virginia, from which he received an LL.B. degree. He is a member of the American Bar Association, American Society International Law and Foreign Law Association.

Mr. Jackson is also a director of the Banana Selling Corp., Canadian Banana Co., Ltd., Fruit Dispatch Co., Jacksonville Precooling Co., Meloripe Fruit Co., Munargo Line Co., Refrigerated Steamship Line and Adelantado Co.

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Welcome, Mr. Jackson!

The Boston Chamber of Commerce most cordially welcomes William K. Jackson, vice-president of the United Fruit Co., as its new president. A man of wide experience not only in local but also national and international trade and business activities, he is particularly well equipped to guide the Chamber's activities through the present critical period confronting the city and nation.

And the Chamber wishes to extend its sincere appreciation to the re-elected officers who remain in the harness during wartime to help Mr. Jackson and the organization: Vice-presidents Charles Francis Adams, Frank G. Allen, Paul F. Clark and P. A. O'Connell; Treasurer Thomas S. Knight; Secretary M. D. Liming. All of these men continue on the Executive Committee, as does Jay R. Benton, while Mr. Jackson joins it as an ex officio member.

As for retiring President Henry J. Nichols, nothing more appropriate concerning his administration could be printed here than the following which appeared in a recent issue of the Boston News Bureau:

" 'WELL DONE!' may sincerely be said by members of the Boston Chamber of Commerce as they salute Henry J. Nichols, vice-president of the National Shawmut Bank, on his retirement as president of the Chamber after four years of fruitful service—four successive terms in the office.

"Working assiduously to advance not only the interest of the Chamber itself but to promote any and all activities that would promote the economic and civic welfare of the city of Boston, Mr. Nichols has contributed invaluable service to the community during the difficult war years.

"Development of the Boston Airport has been very close to his heart and when making speeches in his capacity as Chamber president, Mr. Nichols never missed an opportunity to champion the cause of the 'Hub of the Air Universe.'

"One illustration of his eagerness to 'keep things moving' at the airport, was the occasion several months ago when it appeared that bus service to the Logan International Airport would be interrupted. Mr. Nichols put on his hat and hustled up to City Hall to talk to members of the City Council and promptly received their assurance that the franchise assuring continuance of the important service would be renewed."

Committee" - Jarvis Hunt was on hand to outline the Port Bill - discussed public relations with Frank Hatch. Over to the office - Moody and Mansfield were just leaving - so I had a ride home via Allston - a stop at Griffin's - The Little Living Room - Mary and Nicholas left with Helen Jameson - they to join others at the Bella Vista - a dinner party for Nicholas - Frances, John + I had dinner together - John left to join the others at the Bella Vista - So to Bed

Saturday, January 6th 1945 X
Cold today – the "Herald" was late
this morning – came at 8-25 – Jane
brought up my breakfast at 8.40 –
Orange juice – Ralstons – Creamed Halibut
on toast – Iced Coffee + Hannah called
to say Mother wanted me to stay home
and rest up. Called up Church, Hodgkinson,
Jackson, and Brett – Lunch – Rested – started
out at 4 with John in the car + to do a lot
of shopping for Nicholas' Party. – Ran into
Judy Wettlaufer and friend so gave
them a lift. Back to the house at 5.45 –
Came Chapin Carpenter, Nicholas' roommate
to stay with us until tomorrow evening –
At 6 Nicholas' Party started – a large
crowd and a fine time – a grand
buffet supper. the Magnavox – dancing –
movies, + I went to bed at midnight –
but the young folks kept going until
3.30 A.M. Thomas, John, Mary, Nicholas.
Pat + Louise – Carpenter, Dick Richter,
Garrity, Joan Fahey, Judy, Jean, Gordon –
Sylvia Farley, Maud Sullivan –
Edith Ann, Betty Ann Owens – 3 Bobby
soxers – Ann Wettlaufer was
operated upon at the Phillips House today –

NICHOLAS' PRE-INDUCTION DINNER PARTY

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1945

MARTINI & MANHATTAN COCKTAILS

- - -

ASSORTED CANAPES

SOUTH CAROLINA ROAST TURKEY

CREAMED ONIONS -- NEW PEAS

SWEET POTATO WITH MARSHMALLOW

RICED WHITE POTATO

GIBLET GRAVY

CELERY -- RADISHES -- OLIVES

MIXED GREEN SALAD

ICE CREAM - FUDGE SAUCE

CAKE

DEMI TASSE

COCA COLA

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JAN. 6, 1945

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SUNDAY, JAN. 7, 1945

PAUL F. CLARK
JOHN HANCOCK BUILDING
BOSTON, MASS.

January 6, 1945

Mr. Jay R. Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

It would be difficult for me to tell you how much I appreciated not only the vase of beautiful mixed flowers, but the thoughtfulness of the officers and directors of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company in sending them to me.

This generous expression of friendship added a great deal to my first day as President of the Company.

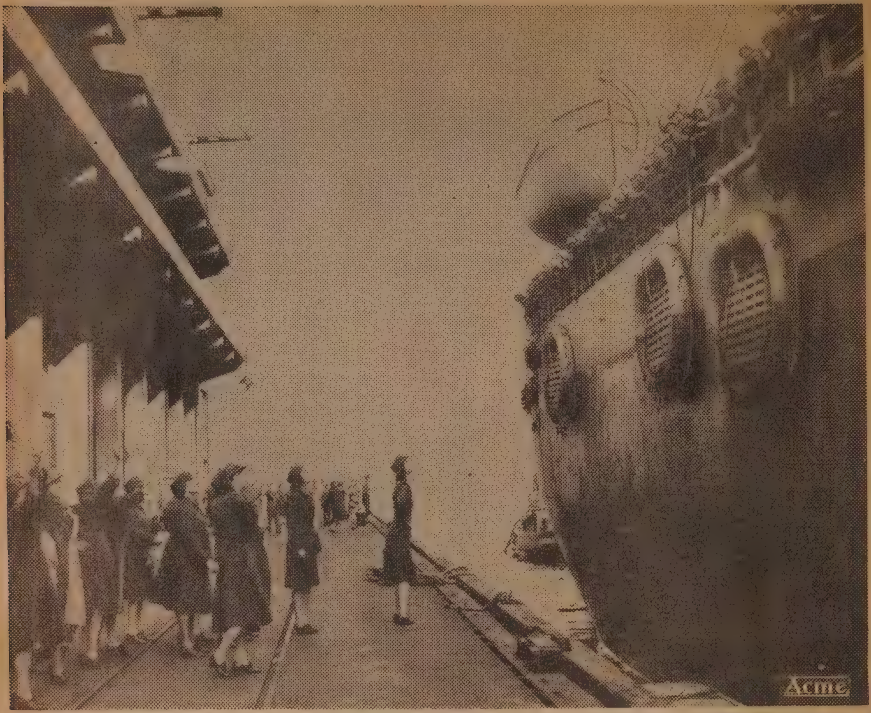
With kindest personal regards and best wishes to all my friends in the Boston Mutual, I am

Sincerely yours,

Paul

PFC:S

First Picture of Troops Leaving Boston



(Signal Corps Photo)

RED CROSS WORKERS wave from the pier as an Army transport starts its overseas voyage from Boston Port of Embarkation. For the first time the Army is releasing Port of Embarkation pictures for publication.

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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

7 Jan. '45

Dear Mom + Dad,

I'm feeling a lot better now than I did a few days ago. Really don't feel ill at all now tho' my skin is still definitely on the yellow side.

Life here in the hospital isn't too bad. I keep myself occupied by answering mail. There is plenty of reading material and a radio on hand.

My medicine consists of vitamin pills, fruit juice (gallons of it!) and hard candy!

Quite a few of the fellows

in this ward are ground troop officers back from France. They tell some very interesting stories. Most of them are convalescent and headed for rest camps in the U.S.A.

I have received no mail here as yet - know there must be lots waiting for me back at the sqdn. tho'. It will get here eventually.

I miss you all tremendously - just can't wait to be up and around and on my way HOME!

Much love to all,
Dave

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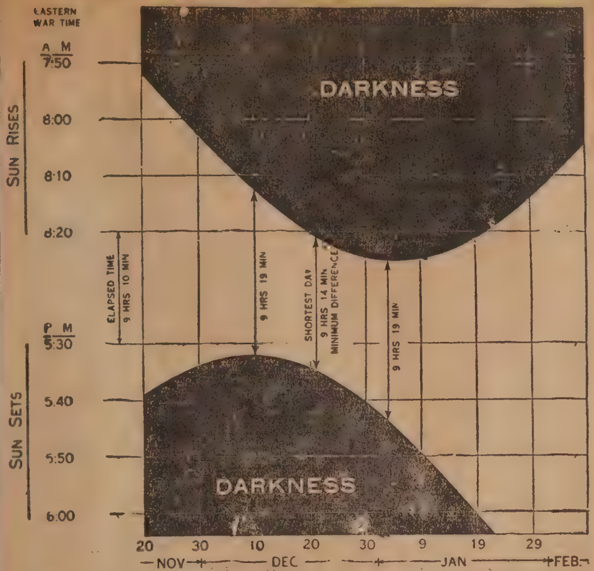
A Guide to Winter's Sunlight and Darkness



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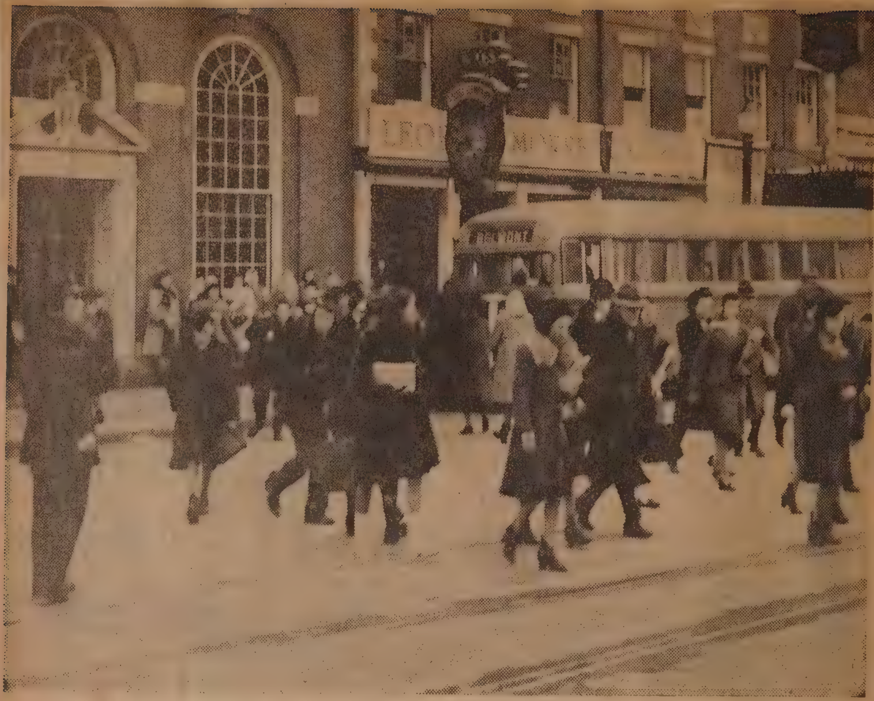

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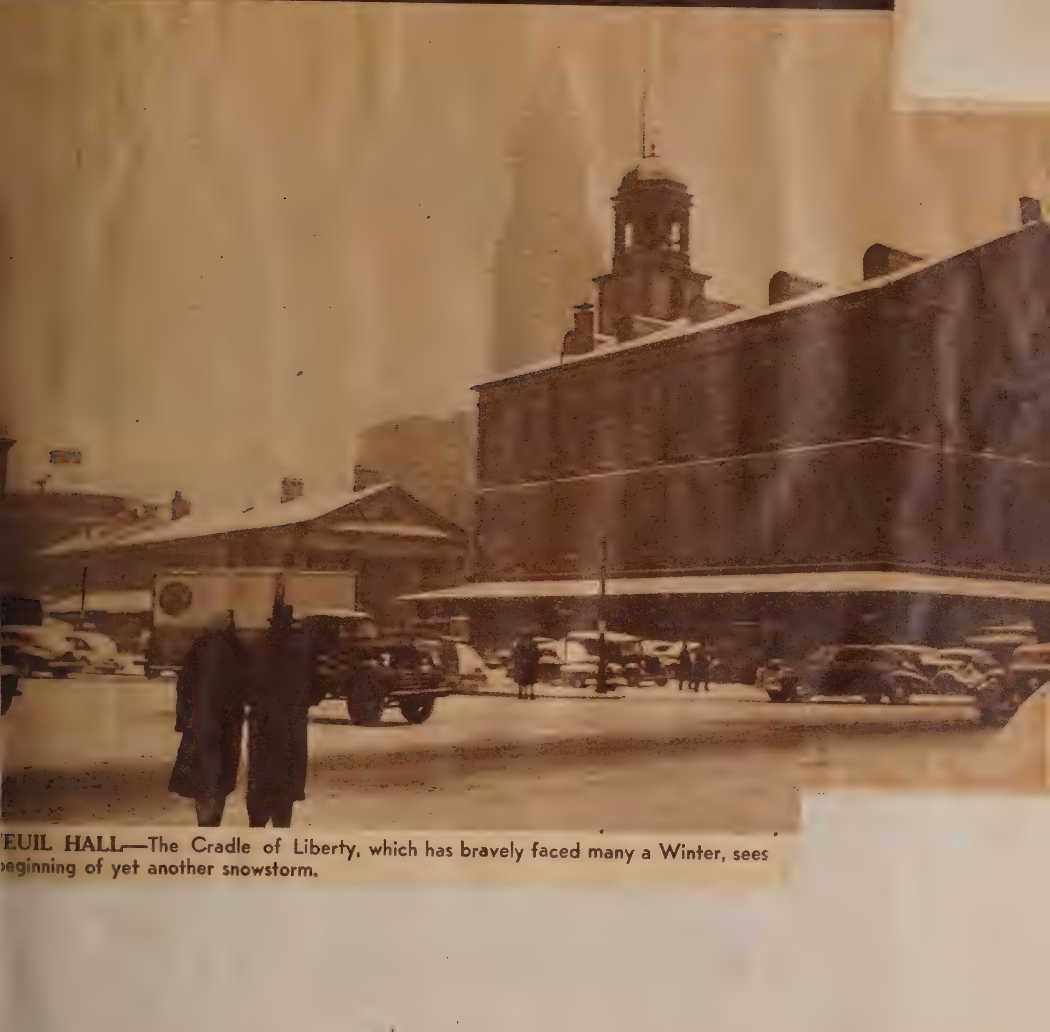
Harvard Square
Every Morning 9 o l.

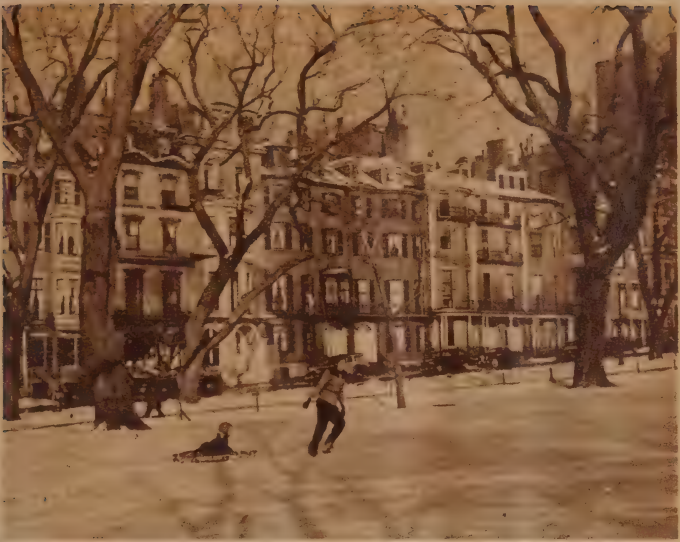
Boston Snowfall



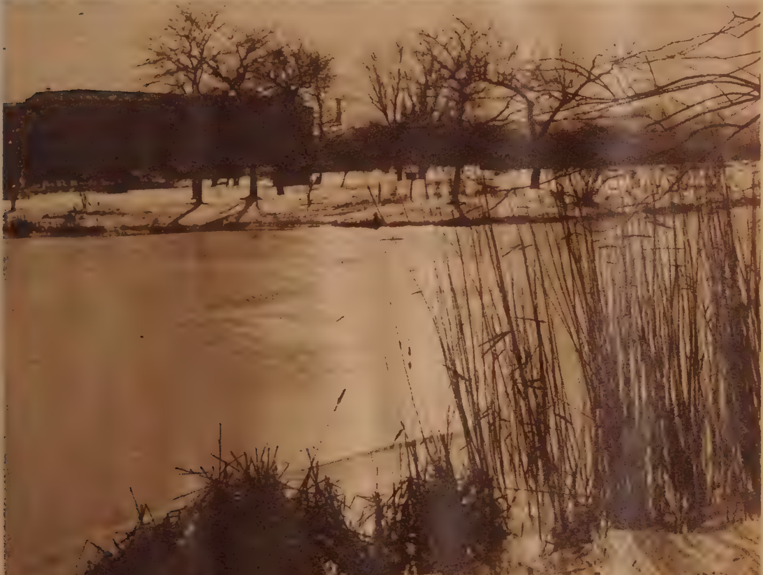
EUIL HALL—The Cradle of Liberty, which has bravely faced many a Winter, sees eginning of yet another snowstorm.

CHRISTMAS SKATES—A picture for the family album from the Public Garden, with the State House and new Courthouse in the background.

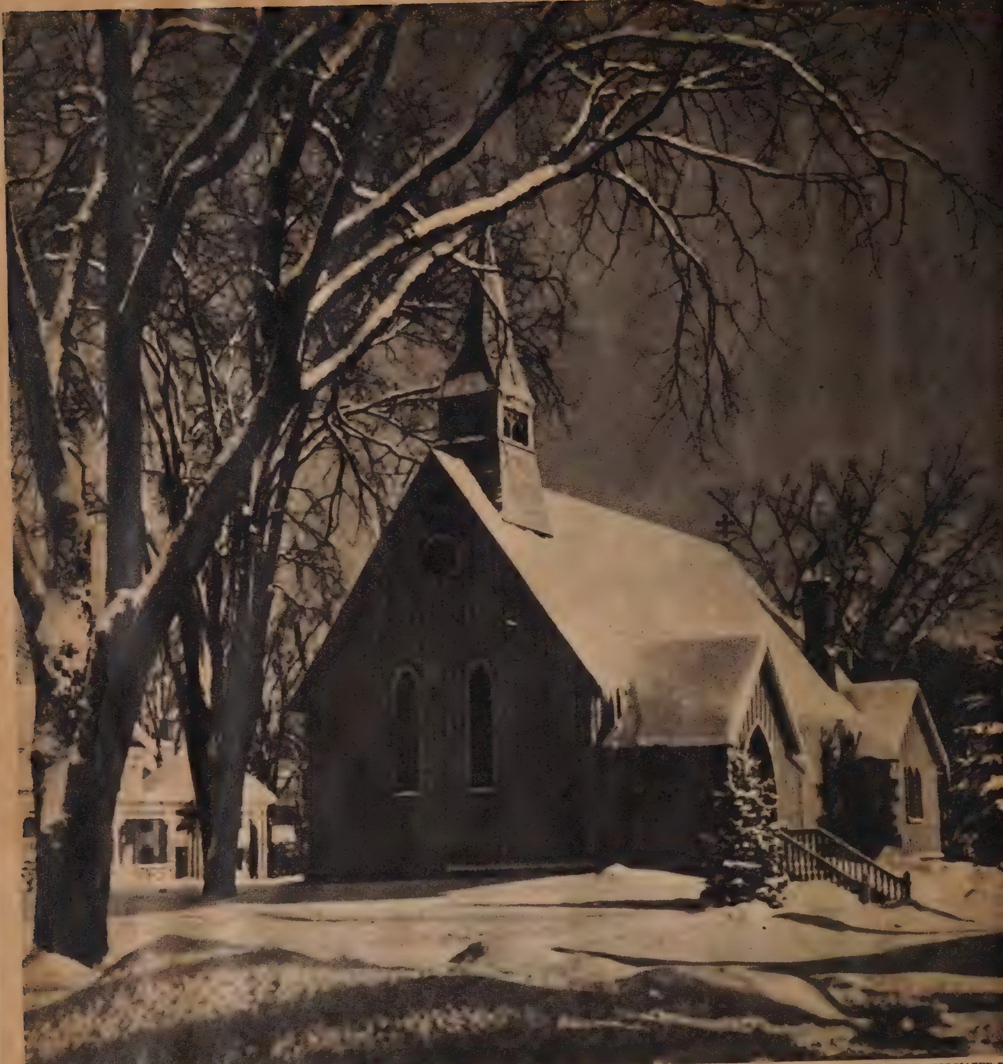
TESTING THE ICE—Where the swanboats start in Summer, below the bridge at the Public Garden, a venturesome lad tries to learn whether ice came along with the snowfall.



BEACON STREET—Children try out the new sled at the lower end of the historic Boston way.



FENWAY IN WINTER—Beyond the ice-coated brook, in the distance, looms the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. GLOBE STAFF PHOTOS, ARTHUR GRIFFIN



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NEW ENGLAND CANVAS: A mantle of white covers a quiet church yard in Lancaster, New Hampshire

Snowstorm

A chilly, northeast snowstorm, considered by everybody except the weatherman as a blizzard, swept over New England yesterday, leaving three dead and a dozen injured in its wake and causing hardship for scores of persons driven from their homes by fires which did damage estimated at a million dollars to res-[illegible] and business property.

Throughout the day and into the evening, when the storm turned to sleet and slush, the coal shovel did double duty stoking the furnace against near-zero weather and clearing the front walk.

Sunday, January 7th 1945

Snowed all night and continued all day. Slept late - Jane brought up my breakfast at 9 - orange juice - Ralston's - Scrambled Eggs + Sausages - Rolls - Iced Coffee - Read the papers - At 11. Took the cars all the way out to the Peter Bent Brigham hospital to call on Mother - She is in fine spirits and getting along excellently. Back to Belmont on the cars + little dining room. The Children were up at Oakley for a while + Dinner at 2.30. A fine Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding - Baked Macaroni with Cheese, Cauliflower Hollandaise - A little apple pie + Rested all afternoon. Nicholas' Exeter friend Ronald Rogers arrived from Neenah, Wisconsin + At 6.30 Nicholas left to go into the North Station to see his room-mate Chapin Carpenter off for Exeter. They went in Thelma Faison's Car - Ronald Rogers went along too. At about that time Nan Norton + Nona Sullivan arrived + Frances make me a snack supper - Soup - Club Sandwich and Fruit cup + Had a hot tub bath +

Nicholas Was Inducted Today

Monday, January 8th 1945

Up at 6 O'Clock and John, Nicholas, and I left in the Mercury at 6.45 - a sad departure. To the Homer School where the Home Front Committee gave a send off to Nicholas and seven other boys drafted today - Hannah came down and Mrs. Atkins was there with carnations from her greenhouse. Rotary Club cars took the Boys to Fort Banks. Nicholas was fine through it all and left in fine spirits - Hannah came back to our house with us + I redressed - and had breakfast of orange juice - Ralstons - Creamed Turkey on toast. John then took us to Harvard Square - Frances did not go into Red Cross today - We gave "Rupe" Mattlebeck a lift to the Square - so to the office and working hard all morning - left at 11.30 and by car to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital - to call on Mother again + she continues to gain well. Back to town at 12.40 Met Everett Lane at Steuben's - Consommé - Roast Veal - Carrots - Roll - Coffee - Tangerine + to Jordan's to leave film - Back to the office -

#9 Belmont, Mass.

FT. BANKS, MASS.
(Induction station)

8 January 1945
(Date)

This is to advise you that

Nicholas Benton,
(Name)

31439300
(Army Serial No. if accepted)

has been

*~~rejected for active military service and returned to his home.~~

*accepted for active military service. He has left this station en route to a reception center at Fort Devens, Mass. where he will remain for a short time and then be sent to another station. As he will be in transit for the next few days, it will be difficult for mail to reach him. It is therefore requested that no attempt be made to communicate with him except in an emergency until you receive further advice as to the address to which mail for him should be sent.

This card to be made out and mailed at induction station at time of transfer therefrom.

*Strike out clause not applicable.

W. D., A. G. O. Form No. 202
October 1, 1941

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First Send-off 1945 — Jan. 8

The first send-off party of 1945 for Belmont men entering the Armed Forces has been scheduled for Monday morning, Jan. 8, under the auspices of the Belmont Home Front Committee, directed by Mr. Peter Stengel, chairman.

The men will convene at seven o'clock at the American Legion headquarters. Transportation will be furnished them by the Rotary Club of Belmont.

The Home Front Committee, making an early start in living up to its 1945 rededication "to serve those who serve us," has arranged its usual fine program expressing the gratitude and good wishes of the community. The Red Cross will be on hand with its hot coffee and doughnuts. Belmont residents are requested to attend the send-off for these men, friends and neighbors, who are leaving their homes to serve our country.

Home Front At Send-off

Under the direction of Peter Stengel, chairman, the Belmont Home Front Committee will conduct the regular send-off program for the men of the Selective Service entering the armed forces on Monday morning, January 8, at 7 a. m. from the Legion headquarters.

Gifts and lucky pennies will be given out by the Committee and coffee and doughnuts will be served by the Red Cross.

Among those who will be present to speak to the men will be Mr. Stengel, Dr. Edwin C. Broome, and members of the American Legion. Transportation for these men will be furnished by members of the Belmont Rotary Club.

Six Men Leave For Army Mon.

The Belmont Selective Service Board reported this week that six Belmont men were inducted in the Army on Monday, January 8.

Reporting early in the morning, they were given a send-off by the Home Front Committee from the Town Hall. The inductees were then taken to Boston by members of the Belmont Rotary Club, where they entrained for Fort Banks.

The men are: Nicholas Benton of 3 Pequosette road, former student at Exeter; Buren Doane Rich of 248 Mill street, Robert Samuel Robinson of 10 Lamoine street, Harold Victor Morgan of 29 Vincent avenue, John J. Dunphy, formerly of 106 Sycamore street and now of Methuen; and Leonard Dwinell Garfield, 33 Burnham street. Three of the men have just reached their 18th birthday, and the other three are married.

Home Front Jottings

"Serving Those Who Serve Us"

The Secretary of The Belmont Home Committee has compiled the following names for the Town Honor Roll:

Nicholas Benton
J. Bruce Cargen
Dorothy M. Damon
James Edward Dayton
John Jeremiah Dunphy
Leonard Dwinell Garfield
Jean L. Henley
Robert Leonard Husband
Richard W. Knowland
Alexander Mack
Harold Victor Morgan
Frederick J. Peterson
Buren Duane Rich
Robert Samuel Robinson

The number of names appearing on the Honor Roll is now 2,863, including 116 women. 49 Gold Stars appear before the names of our Belmont Heroes who have made the Supreme Sacrifice in this conflict.

While there is nothing on the Honor Roll to indicate it, there are 15 men reported "Missing in Action" and 11 men who are "Prisoners of the Enemy" and 1 man who is interned in a neutral country.

Mrs. Charles A. Daunt of the Home Front Committee will send out 188 notices to families for the present mailing addresses of those in the Armed Forces who have birthdays in February. When the instructions on the notices are complied with, Mrs. David J. Barry will get the birthday gifts on their way to your sons and daughters.

January 8, 1945

Dr. Lewis Perry, Principal
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Dr. Perry:

Nicholas has been called to the colors and was inducted this morning. While I am keenly disappointed that he cannot finish out his senior year, I am glad he was able to spend three and a half years at Exeter.

What the School did for him will stand him in good stead all his life. I am so grateful for your kindly interest in the boy while he was with you.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC

January 8, 1945

Dean E. S. W. Kerr
Phillips Exeter Academy
Exeter, New Hampshire

Dear Dean Kerr:

I regret that Nicholas was unable to return to school last evening and start the winter term this morning, but early today he reported to the Town Hall and was inducted into the service of his Country. He had received his notice on December 29th.

For you many kindnesses to Nicholas, for your interest in him, I am profoundly grateful. I am quite moved this morning but I do want to take the time to send this word of appreciation to you.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R. Benton

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THE PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

Monday
JAN. 8, 1945

Dear Mrs. Benton,

I want to thank you for the lovely time I had at your house on Saturday night and Sunday — it was really wonderful. I can't remember when I've laughed so hard, or had so much fun.

After each visit I get to feel more and more at home — I really look forward to visiting (or did look forward), much more than anything else as I always have such a wonderful time — I think your matches are appropriate. "Benton's Three Ring Circus."

Tell John that I'll send him the pipe tobacco as soon as I can get a decent box for it, also please send me Nick's address as soon as you know it.

Thanks again for the wonderful time — my best to your family.

Sincerely yours,
Chapin.

The Hall Closet

There are those who hold we are too widespread a nation, that there isn't enough in common among those who live in granite-ledged New England and those who dwell in the sandy, pine-growing areas of the Southeast. They say the black-soil region of the Midwest is a different country from the plains of Texas and the forests of the Northwest. But there's really no danger of serious misunderstandings while the average American home still includes a hall closet.

So far as one can discover, the hall closet is a common link among 30-odd million families. It may vary a bit in size; the contents may show geographical differences. But in all essential details, the hall closet is a common denominator to bind our heterogeneous people into homogeneous solidarity. There are three points about hall closets that mothers everywhere will agree upon.

First, it is always full. A hall closet with an extra hanger available when needed would be an anomaly of first water. Each hook along the sides should have one or more coats, sweaters, raincoats, jackets and umbrellas. That gives an excellent excuse for Junior to park his sweater, football, helmet, shoulder pads, and school books on the floor just inside the door. If the man of the house has put in a shelf or two, these should be jammed with hats, bundles, old books, a broken umbrella, odd gloves and mittens, the book for Aunt Mitta, and the bag of cloth pieces for Aunt Esther's patchwork quilt.

Second, an outstanding hall closet should serve as a catch-all. The young folks learn that early, but mothers are sometimes a bit laggard in this phase of adult education. It will smooth things all around if it's recognized that the closet is perfectly capable of holding father's golf outfit, some of his fishing tackle, his old clothes for gardening, cardboard cartons filled with odds and ends, shopping bags, a broken dog collar, one good leash and three discarded ones, a large assortment of toys, rubbers, galoshes, Junior's snare drum, and the children's flannel-overall suits for cold weather.

Third, the hall closet develops patience, tolerance, and a workable philosophy. If one is inclined to be impatient while digging in the pile at the rear for that article he may have left there three months ago, he remembers that others may have gone through the same experience for something they left. We believe in progress. We gaze at the pictures of modernistic homes projected for the era ahead, and admire the glass walls, efficient kitchens, and magical gadgets. All we ask is: Where will a family's possessions be stored if there is no hall closet? H. S. P.

WAVERLEY CO-OPERATIVE BANK

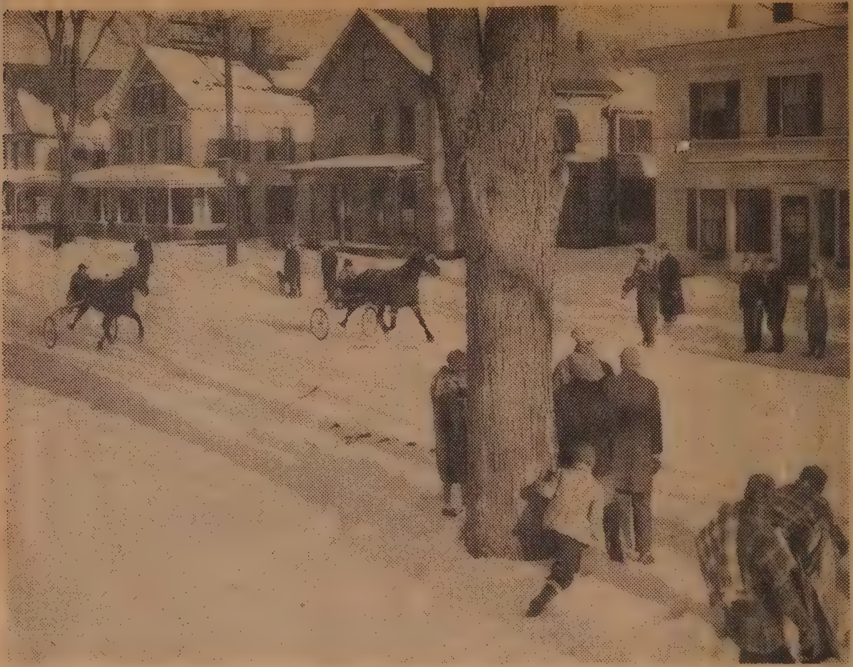
Belmont, Mass., Dec. 30, 1944.

Dear Sir:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at the Bank on Monday evening, Jan. 8th. There will be a special meeting for the election of officers immediately following the regular meeting at 8 p. m.

It is hoped that you will be able to be present.

Respectfully yours,
WALTER E. BORIGHT,
Treasurer.



(AP Photo)

CAN'T STOP HORSE RACING up in Lyndonville, Vt., for Saturday and Sunday afternoons sulky races are held on the Main street, with the horses stepping on the snow-covered icy street with the temperature at 10 below. During the week the contesting horses perform more essential work, pulling the delivery, garbage and bakery wagons, or the like.

more work at 3. Came the, influx re springing the story about the Greater Boston Development Committee Church, Hodgkinson, Lee, Hatch, Brown, the press - long conference. After it was over further arrangements about pictures - came Charles Francis Adams and William K. Jackson + Finally finished. Left the office at 5.15 - home all the way by car - Little Living Room. Dinner - Soup. Cold Roast Beef. Baked Macaroni + Cheese - Fried Onions - Roll - Milk - Fruit cup - Rested - Nicholas called up at 7.15 He is out at Fort Devens - he was enthusiastic - happy - and about to go to the Movies - Good Boy! I Rested to 8 - then took the cars to Waverley - attended the Directors meeting at the Cooperative Bank - which lasted until 9.45 - Had a ride home with Charlie Merrow and so to bed.

Tuesday, January 9th 1945

Up at the regular time - Frances down
for a snuggle - Breakfast - orange juice -
Ralstons - Scrambled Eggs + Bacon -
toast - iced coffee - Frances did not go
into Red Cross until late - so I went to
town all the way on the cars. Office and
work until 11.15 when I went out on the cars
to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital to call
on Mother - She is getting along well.
Back to town and to the Knockers Club for
lunch - Broiled Haddock - Green Salad -
Milk - Tangerine. Office - Over to see Charles
E. Lee and "Hank" Brown at the Chamber -
Office - Work. Left at 4.45 with Moody
and Mansfield, to Allston then home.
Little Living Room. Dinner at 6.30. Soup.
Lamb Chops - Baked Potato. Green Peas -
Pop overs - Milk. Orange Jelley. To bed early -

Boston Daily Globe
TUESDAY, JAN. 9, 1945

EXECUTIVE COMITTEE of the Greater Boston Development Committee—Seated, left to right, William K. Jackson, Jay R. Benton, Charles Francis Adams; standing, Frederick C. Church and Harold D. Hodgkinson.

Unite to Develop Boston

147 Citizens Organize for Action

By LOUIS M. LYONS

Announcing their purpose to get united action for the development of Boston, a committee of 147 citizens yesterday made public the fact of their organization and intentions.

Greater Boston Development Committee is the name they have chosen. "Action today to achieve the Boston of Tomorrow" is a slogan they have been discussing to describe their objective.

Their committee represents all the many interests concerned with the community life that any of them could think of. It includes substantial business interests that have promised adequate financing to advance projects for the improvement of metropolitan Boston.

They are looking for the ablest man they can find to be executive director and shape their program. Some of the projects they have immediately in mind are advancement of the port of Boston and to follow up the plans proposed in the recent Boston Contest.

The program did not come into being overnight. For many months the executive committee has been holding discussions to define their purposes, plan ways and means and enlarge their group to make it inclusive. They are not being precipitate about their moves. They have held 19 luncheon meetings to consider a choice of a director for the program and are still not ready to pick their man. The kind of man they want they best describe as one who can take hold and do the kind of job Gen C. H. Kells did in building the Port of Embarkation here. "A man who doesn't know the word failure and has no tag attached to him," Jay R. Benton described what they want yesterday.

Benton Chairman of Group

Mr. Benton, president of the Boston Mutual Insurance Company, is chairman of the group. Charles Francis Adams is treasurer. Gov. Maurice J. Tobin has been a member from the start, and since becoming Governor has said he wanted to stay on. The new archbishop of Boston, Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, is a member of the executive committee. The president of the Boston Central Labor Union, John L. DeMonte, is another. William K. Jackson, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; H. D. Hodgkinson, vice president of William Filene's Company; Frederick C. Church Jr., insurance man, and Alden C. Brett, treasurer of Hood Rubber Company, are vice chairmen.

The retail trade board, the C. I. O., the Port Authority, the planning board, the Women's City Club, the colleges, industries, newspapers, city department heads and prominent professional men and women make up the general committee. It is a growing committee. The names of Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to Great Britain; William Roger Greeley, architect, chairman of the recent Boston Contest, and Bartholomew A. Brickley, lawyer, were added to it yesterday.

Mr. Benton said the committee could have announced itself last Summer, but wanted to wait until they were ready to start action. "It is time now to get busy," he said. "We are ready now to start. We shall have an announcement on our first project later this week."

"Labor is interested in this movement. Industry is in it. The public utilities are in it. I don't think any interest is left out," he said. "We shall put first things first. A lot of ideas will be dumped in our laps. They will have to be screened down. We shall have to have expert services to do the screening. The executive director we shall select needs to be big enough to make decisions on what are the things that are most important and should have the first call. Then we'll get behind them.

"We are not going to try to do everything at once, but are ready to go forward. When we move it will be with a united front. We aren't displacing any other group. The Chamber of Commerce is very much in our picture. We are building a larger movement than any one interest so that when we present a program it will be a plan that everybody is in."

Frederic Church, Harold D. Hodgkinson and Francis W. Hatch of the committee were with Mr. Benton when the announcement was made. Hatch said: "We want to approach the problem with as much enthusiasm as they'd show in Dallas, Tex. There has been a Boston state of mind. It needs to be dispelled. That's the job of this committee."

Mr. Church said the development of the group was itself a response to "a feeling in the community—a surge—to want to start something."

To make the Hub turn faster in filling its function as the capital of New England enterprise, the committee states four purposes:

1. To promote united effort and action in carrying out projects for the further development of Boston as a desirable place in which to live and do business.

2. To give support to the various planning boards, special Legislative commissions and other agencies in making effective their recommended projects for the improvement of Boston.

3. To act as an instrument for bringing projects for the benefit of Boston to the attention of the public.

4. To act as a medium for exchange of ideas as to ways and means of improving the status of Boston as a civic, business and home center.

Originally an organizing committee of nine shaped the committee. An executive committee of 29 has been established. The kind of activity intended is suggested by the committees to be appointed. They will be on such subjects as airport expansion, harbor development, transportation, traffic and housing.

The statement of the committee emphasized that it is the largest group ever organized in the history of Boston to promote civic betterment.

The committee follows:

George L. Anderson, Adams & Leland, Inc.

Dr. Frederick J. Bailey, commissioner of public health, City of Boston.

Guy Bancroft, treasurer Boston News Bureau.

Bancroft Beatley, president Simmons College.

Jay R. Benton, president Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Norman W. Bingham, president Bar Association of the City of Boston.

Frederick W. Bliss, district manager, sales development, General Electric Company.

Daniel Bloomfield, manager Retail Trade Board.

Mrs. Alice Dixon Bond, president Women's City Club of Boston.

Richard L. Bowditch, president C. H. Sprague & Sons.

Bartholomew A. Brickley, lawyer.

Alden C. Brett, treasurer Hood Rubber Company.

John J. Burns, attorney at law.

Herman L. Bush, budget commissioner City of Boston.

James J. Byrnes, president New England division, Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company.

Walter F. Carley, general manager Boston Post.

Francis F. Carmichael, New England regional director, Congress of Industrial Organizations.

Fred F. A. Carroll, president South Boston Citizens' Association.

Miss Marie J. Carroll, president Boston League of Women Voters.

Robert B. Choate, publisher Boston Herald.

Frederic C. Church Jr., Boit, Dalton & Church.

Ralph C. Colby, president Roxbury Board of Trade, Inc.

Cary S. Cook, S. S. Kresge Company.

Arthur G. Curren, food broker.

Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, D. D., Archbishop of Boston.

Marshall B. Dalton, president, Boston Manufacturers Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

Edward Dana, president, Boston Elevated Railway Company.

Frank S. Davis, manager, Maritime Association.

William H. Day, manager, Transportation Bureau, Boston Chamber of Commerce.

John L. DelMonte, president, Boston Central Labor Union, American Federation of Labor.

Carl P. Dennett, trustee.

Philip T. Desmond, engineer, Boston Traffic Commission.

Louis DeVito, president, East Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Daniel S. Dinsmoor, vice president, Monsanto Chemical Company.

John A. Donoghue, chairman, Board of Street Commissioners, City of Boston.

Dudley H. Dorr, president, Aeronautical Association of Boston.

William T. Doyle, president, Dorchester Board of Trade.

Michael J. Dray, president, Hyde Park Board of Trade, Inc.

Carl Dreyfus, Dreyfus Properties, Inc.

Ralph M. Eastman, chairman, Bo Chamber of Commerce Committee Aviation.

Arthur W. Eckman, general counsel First Church of Christ, Scientist.

Leavitt L. Edgar, vice president, B ton Edison Company.

Carl S. Ell, president, Northeast University.

Allan C. Emery, president, Boston W Trade Association.

Edward M. Farnsworth, president, B ton Consolidated Gas Company.

Harold E. Fellows, general manag Radio Station WEEI.

John F. Fitzgerald, member Bos Port Authority.

Frank G. Fitzpatrick, Brown Dur Company.

Allan Forbes, president, State Str Trust Company.

Charles J. Fox, auditor, city of Bost

Robert E. Foy Jr., president, Bos Retail Grocers Association.

Arthur L. Gould, superintendent schools, city of Boston.

William Roger Greeley, architect.

David W. Guiry, president, Back B Association.

T. C. Haffenreffer, president, Haf reffer & Co., Inc.

Harold C. Hamilton, president, En neering Societies of New England.

George Hansen, president, Chand & Co.

J. E. Harrell, president, New Engla Telephone & Telegraph Co.

Henry I. Harriman, vice chairman, N England Power Association.

Maynard L. Harris, vice president, N England Trust Company.

William E. Harrison, associate edi Boston Chronicle.

George W. Hart, manager, Niagara F Insurance Company.

Francis W. Hatch, vice president, B ten, Barton, Durstine and Osborne, Inc

Robert G. Henderson, freight tra manager, Boston & Albany Railroad.

Miss Elisabeth M. Herlihy, chairm State Planning Board.

William P. Hickey, traffic commission city of Boston.

John H. Hoagland, manager, Christ Science Publishing Society.

H. D. Hodgkinson, vice president, W liam Filene's Sons Company.

Louis H. Hoffman, president, Kiwa Club of Boston, Inc.

Ernest Hoftyzer, advertising.

Edward L. Hubbard, president, Re Trade Board.

William K. Jackson, president, Bos Chamber of Commerce.

Ernest A. Johnson, secretary and trea urer, Building and Construction Trad Council, A. F. L.

Michael T. Kelleher, Marsh and M Lennan, Inc.

Arthur J. Kelly, treasurer, R. White Company.

Joseph P. Kennedy, financier.

Parker H. Kennedy, vice presider Kenmore Trade Association, Inc.

Harold G. Kern, publisher, Bost American.

John E. Kerrigan, president Boston Ci Council.

Mrs. Benjamin F. Kraus, president Bo ton City Federation of Organizations, In

Andrew F. Lane, general manager, Bo ton Port Authority.

Francis X. Lang, purchasing agent, Ci of Boston Supply Department.

George Lasker, general manager, Rad Station WCOP.

Ashley D. Leavitt, D.D., presiden Greater Boston Area Council of Churche

Charles E. Lee, manager, Civic Burea Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Rabbi Joshua L. Liebman, Temple I rael.

M. D. Liming, manager director, Bosto Chamber of Commerce.

A. Emmet Logue, president, Buildin Trades Employers Association.

William P. Long, chairman of Par Commissioners, City of Boston.

Edward H. Lotz, New England man ager, F. W. Woolworth Company.

Daniel J. Lyne, lawyer.

Walter R. MacCornack, Massachuset Institute of Technology.

John J. McKearin, president, Bosto Host Lions Club.

Patrick J. McNiff, president, Boston Retail Liquor Dealers' Association.

Thomas F. Mackey, Massachusetts Department Commander, American Legion

C. Clark Macomber, builder.

Charles D. Maginnis, architect.

Dr. James W. Manary, superintenden Boston City Hospital.

Frederick W. Mansfield, lawyer.

Daniel L. Marsh, president, Boston University.

Ralph W. Martin, executive vice president, Boston Real Estate Board.

Abraham Miller, president, Independent Taxi Operators Association.

Edward R. Mitton, president, Jorda Marsh Company.

James H. Mooney, building commissioner, City of Boston.

William T. Morrissey, commissioner o public works, City of Boston.

J. Reed Morss, vice president, Bosto Five Cents Savings Bank.

Rev. William J. Murphy, S. J., president, Boston College.

George P. Nason, president, Charlestown Five Cents Savings Bank.

Hugh Nawn, president Hugh Nawn, Inc

Henry J. Nichols, president, National Shawmut Bank.
Harold L. Niles, president, Apartment House Owners Association.
Philip Nichols, lawyer.
P. A. O'Connell, president, E. T. Slattery Company.
Arthur O'Keefe, president, First National Stores, Inc.
Thomas A. Pappas, president, C. Pappas Company, Inc.
William Stanley Parker, chairman, City Planing Board.
Roger Pierce, president, New England Trust Company.
Samuel Pinanski, president, M. & P. Theatres Corporation.
William S. Pote, managing director, Radio Station WMEX.
Roger Preston, president S. S. Pierce Company.
Sidney Rabinovitz, chairman, Economy Grocery Stores Corporation.
William Arthur Reilly, fire commissioner, City of Boston.
Frank A. Sawyer, president City of Boston Cab Association.
Henry L. Shattuck, lawyer.
John Shepard 3d, general manager, Radio Station WNAC.
Glenwood J. Sherrard, president, Parker House.
Nelson C. Smith, vice president, Atlantic Coal Company.
Joseph P. Spang Jr., president, Gillette Safety Razor Company.
Carl M. Spencer, president, Home Savings Bank.
Donald B. Stanbro, manager, Hotel Statler.
Edward J. Stewart, president, Smaller Business Association of New England, Inc.
Edward C. Stone, manager, Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd.
Thomas F. Sullivan, Police Commissioner, city of Boston.
Paul N. Swaffield, president, Advertising Club of Boston.
William O. Taylor, publisher, Boston Globe.
Philip H. Theopold, DeBlois & Maddison.
Maurice J. Tobin, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
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THE BOSTON HERALD, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1945

Leaders Organize New Groups To Work for Better Boston

By JOHN FENTON

For years, Boston has been talking about developing its port, improving its transportation and expanding its resources. Yesterday, it set out to do something about it.

The first step was announcement of the formation of the Greater Boston Development Committee, at a conference in the office of Jay R. Benton, former state attorney-general and president of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, who is to be chairman.

Before the week has passed, as evidence of the sincerity of the committee's slogan, "Action Today to Achieve the Boston of Tomorrow," the group expects to take its second step. This will be to undertake the first of a series of projects to promote the development of Boston as a desirable place in which to live and do business.

The committee consists of 148 men and women in Greater Boston who have achieved leadership in municipal government, education, business, religion and labor.

So catholic are the interests represented on the committee, Benton pointed out, that the work to be undertaken by it is a challenge to the responsible civic interests and the people of Metropolitan Boston.

The committee does not intend to supersede in any way the work of any other existing organizations. It plans to supplement and lend support to all organizations having to do with the honest development of the city, and to provide an effective medium for united action on major postwar projects for Boston.

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FOURFOLD PURPOSE

The four purposes of the Greater Boston Development Committee were set forth as:

1. To promote united effort and action in carrying out projects for the further development of Boston as a desirable place in which to live and do business.

2. To give support to the various planning boards, special legislative commissions, and other agencies in making effective their recommended projects for the improvement of Boston.

3. To act as an instrument in bringing projects designed to benefit Boston to the attention of the public.

4. To act as a medium for the exchange of ideas on means to improve the status of Boston as a civic, business and home center.

FINANCED BY GIFTS

The idea that resulted in formation of the committee was described as having started like a fire of undetermined origin, probably from spontaneous combustion, with the possibility that the flame would spread and fire public opinion.

The committee was ready as far back as last June to announce its existence, but its members decided to wait until they were ready to start with some concrete proposals.

Among other activities, the committee will serve as a permanent organization for the following up of plans submitted in the recent Boston Contest. William Roger Greeley, director of that contest, has been added to the committee membership. Other names will be added as time goes on.

The committee will be financed by contributions and many already have been promised by organizations and private individuals. Charles Francis Adams is to be treasurer of this group.

Other committees will be appointed from the membership to deal with such subjects as airport expansion, harbor development, transportation, traffic and housing.

30-MEMBER GROUP

At present, the group is being organized by an executive committee of 30 members, head by Benton, and including Adams.

Other members include:

Alden C. Brett, treasurer, Hood Rubber Company; Frederic C. Church, Jr., Boit, Dalton & Church; H. D. Hodgkinson, vice-president, William Filene's Sons Company, and William K. Jackson, president, Boston Chamber of Commerce, as vice-chairmen: Charles E. Lee, manager, civic bureau, Chamber of Commerce, secretary; Daniel Bloomfield, manager, Retail Trade Board; Francis F. Carmichael, New England regional director, CIO; the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, archbishop of Boston; Frank S. Davis, manager, Maritime Association; John L. DelMonte, president, Boston Central Labor Union, AFL; Ralph M. Eastman, chairman, Chamber of Commerce committee on aviation: Maynard L. Harris, vice-president, New England Trust Company; Francis W. Hatch, vice-president, Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborne, Inc.; Miss Elisabeth M. Herlihy, chairman, state planning board; Edward L. Hubbard, president, Retail Trade Board; Michael T. Kelleher, Marsh & McLennan, Inc.; Mrs. Benjamin F. Kraus, president, Boston City Federation of Organizations, Inc.; the Rev. Dr. Ashley Day Leavitt, president, Boston Area Council of Churches: Rabbi Joshua Loth Liebman, Temple Israel; M. D. Liming, managing director, Chamber of Commerce; Daniel J. Lyne, Lyne, Woodworth & Evarts; Walter R. McCormack, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ralph W. Martin, executive vice-president, Boston Real Estate Board; J. Reed Morss, vice president, Boston Five Cent Savings Bank; Thomas A. Pappas, president, C. Pappas Company, Inc.; William Stanley Parker, chairman, city planning board; Philip H. Theopold, DeBlois & Madison; and Robert S. Wayland, president, Boston Real Estate Board.

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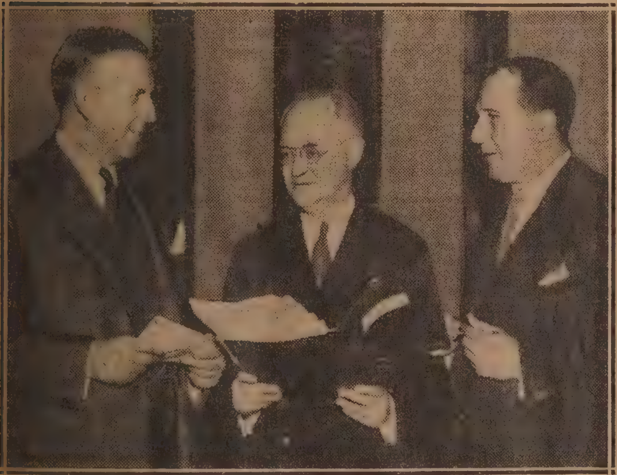
BIG, PROGRESSIVE BOSTON PLANNED

Group of 144 Organized to Devise and Finance Series of Projects, Including Port Development



GREATER BOSTON DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Formed to promote the development in postwar years of Greater Boston, the membership of the committee, including 144 men and women outstanding in the community, was announced yesterday. Shown left to right are H. D. Hodgkinson, general manager of William Filene's Company, vice-chairman; Jay Benton, president of Boston Mutual Insurance Company, chairman, and Frederick Cameron Church, of Boit, Dalton & Church, vice-chairman.

Prepared to move immediately for action in the task of making Boston a more modern progressive city, and to serve as a rallying point for all organizations seeking to improve Boston, the Greater Boston development committee, made up of 144 men and women, representing municipal government, education, business, religion, capital and labor, announced its membership yesterday.

The first project which the committee will support will be announced in a few days, and it was announced by Jay Benton, chairman of the committee, that money had been subscribed sufficient for immediate needs of the organization.

The formation of the committee was announced at a meeting at Mr. Benton's office at 160 Congress street yesterday afternoon at a conference attended by Frederick C. Church of Boit, Dalton & Church; H. D. Hodgkinson, vice-president of William Filene's Co.; Charles E. Lee, manager of the civic bureau of the Chamber of Commerce, and Francis W. Hatch, vice-president of Battem, Barton, Durstine & Osborne.

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As explained by the members of the executive committee at the conference and by the vice-chairmen present, the committee plans to do something about all the planning for Boston instead of just talking about it.

"We hope to let what we accomplish speak for itself," said Mr. Benton, who is former attorney-general and now president of the Boston Mutual Insurance Company. "There have been many excellent plans for the betterment of Boston, but the trouble has been that these things did not get beyond the planning stage because the public did not rally behind them. We intend to provide the impetus to put such plans into operation."

Mr. Hodgkinson added that in the past worthy plans have been formulated, which have either been pigeonholed or have been thwarted by failure to pass legislation. "The follow-up may be at fault," he said, "and we propose to provide that stimulus. It may develop into a very much larger movement, but, as we see it now, we will plan a step at a time and insist upon action."

Mr. Benton announced that Joseph P. Kennedy, former ambassador to Great Britain, will serve on the executive committee, and has offered a generous contribution. A headquarters will be set up with a staff headed by an executive director.

First Project Announced Soon

"We have not chosen a director," said Mr. Hodgkinson, "but we have been exploring the whole field for a man best fitted for the job. We have consulted city planners with qualifications like those of Dean Walter R. MacCornack of M.I.T., in our search for the right man, and we have considered men like General Kells, who is not available now. But we will obtain a man whose ability and soundness is beyond question, and who has never known failure. In short, we will not just talk about it."

It was disclosed that the first of the projects to be pushed by the committee will be announced in a few days. The benefits to be derived from the organization of the committee, it was announced, will not be limited to the people of Boston, but, through the development of Boston as a highway, railroad, port, business and industrial centre, will benefit all of Massachusetts. Eventually, when the city has become an integrated metropolitan centre, the benefits of the modernization will extend to all of New England.

Such plans as those recently considered for the laying out of Boston as a metropolitan city with a single government are under consideration, it was stated, and William Roger Greeley, Boston architect, who headed the sponsoring organization for that city planning contest, is a member of the committee.

Development of the Port of Boston is an early project on the agenda of the new committee, which will consider all aspects of the projects from the plans to the enabling legislation, the financing and the control of the new facilities.

Makeup of Committee

The officers and members of the executive committee are as follows:

Chairman—Jay R. Benton—President, Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company. Vice chairmen: Alden C. Brett—Treasurer, Hood Rubber Company; Frederic C. Church, Boit, Dalton and Church; H. D. Hodgkinson, vice-president William Filene's Company; William K. Jackson, president, Boston Chamber of Commerce; Charles Francis Adams, treasurer, and member of general committee; secretary, Charles E. Lee, manager, Civic Bureau, Boston Chamber of Commerce; Daniel Bloomfield, manager, Retail Trade Board; Bartholomew Brickley, lawyer; Francis F. Carmichael, New England regional director, CIO; the Most Rev. Richard J. Cushing, archbishop of Boston; Frank S. Davis, manager, Maritime Association; John L. DelMonte, president, Boston Central Labor Union, A. F. of L.; Ralph M. Eastman, chairman, Boston Chamber of Commerce committee on aviation; Maynard L. Harris, vice-president, New England Trust Company; Francis W. Hatch, vice-president, Batten, Barton, Durstine & Osborn; Miss Elizabeth M. Herlihy, chairman, State Planning Board; Edward L. Hubbard, president, Retail Trade Board; Joseph P. Kennedy, financier; Michael T. Kelleher, Marsh and McLennan; Mrs. Benjamin F. Kraus, president, Boston City Federation of Organizations; Ashley D. Leavitt, president, Greater Boston Area Council of Churches; Rabbi Joshua L. Liebman, Temple Israel; M. D. Liming, managing director, Boston Chamber of Commerce; Daniel J. Lyne, Lyne, Woodworth and Evarts; Walter R. MacCornack, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Ralph W. Martin, executive vice-president, Boston Real Estate Board; J. Reed Morss, vice-president, Boston Five Cents Savings Bank; Thomas A. Pappas, president, C. Pappas Company; William Stanley Parker, chairman, City Planning Board; Philip H. Theopold, DeBlois and Maddison, and Robert S. Wayland, president, Boston Real Estate Board.

144 City Leaders Join to Aid New Hub Projects

To provide united effort and action in promoting projects for the business and civic development of Boston, a group of 144 men and women leaders in municipal government, education, business, religion and labor. have banded together in an organization to be known as the Greater Boston Development Committee. Announcement of the formation of this committee was made yesterday by former Atty. Gen. Jay R. Benton, president of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co., at a press conference in his office.

An executive committee of 29 members has already been established and soon to be appointed will be various committees to deal with such subjects as airport expansion, harbor development, transportation, traffic and housing.

The work to be undertaken is a challenge to the responsible civic interests and the people of metropolitan Boston, Benton pointed out. Although large, the committee will serve actively, giving constructive attention to Boston's immediate problems in terms of what is best for the city and not in terms of any special interests.

Benton stressed the fact that the functions of the Boston Development Committee are in no way intended to supercede the work of any existing organizations, but to supplement and assist all organizations in providing the most effective medium for developing united action on major postwar projects for Boston.

PURPOSE OUTLINED

The four main purposes of the commitee were outlined as follows:

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JAY R. BENTON

Heads Development Committee

Leaders to Boost City

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Boston as a civic, business and home center.

Officers and members of the executive committee were announced as follows:

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The names of the other members are outstanding in the civic, business, religious and social life of the community. In connection with the announcement, Chairman Benton said:

"This program and organization of a committee started several months ago and received the support and approval of the late Cardinal O'Connell, Gov. Tobin and other distinguished citizens of Boston. It includes all classes in its membership and I predict it will bring expansion and betterment, not only to Boston, but to all metropolitan Boston communities."

ADOPT SLOGAN

Boston added that many of the plans submitted in the recent Boston plan contest would have the consideration of his committee. He pointed out that in the past various groups had gone to the Legislature with worth while projects for the betterment of Boston, but had received nothing better than "a tossing around."

The committee slogan, Benton disclosed, will be "Action Today for a Better Boston Tomorrow."

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Greater Hub Work Started

Moving to start its projects immediately, the newly-formed Greater Boston Development Committee today planned an early meeting to select an executive director and staff, appoint subcommittees and establish a headquarters to direct action in making Boston a more progressive city.

Formation of the committee, which comprises 144 men and women leaders in government, education, business, religion and labor, was announced by Jay R. Benton, former attorney general and president of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.

Benton said sufficient funds had been subscribed for the immediate needs of the committee, and committees would be named to deal with such subjects as airport expansion, harbor development, transportation, traffic and housing.

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Tuesday, January 9, 1945

BOSTON NEWS BUREAU

Tuesday, January 9, 1945

Boston Development Group

Civic Leaders Form Organization To Promote Interest Of Boston In Postwar, And To Bring About Real Action—Jay R. Benton Is Chairman

One hundred and forty-four men and women in Greater Boston, representing trade boards, city governments, clergy, labor, business, utilities, industry and education, have formed the Greater Boston Development Committee and yesterday took first steps to carry out projects "which will make Boston a desirable place in which to live and do business."

Presiding at a press meeting in his office to announce the new committee was Jay R. Benton, president of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Committee, chairman of the group; Frederick C. Church, Jr., of Boit, Dalton and Church, and H. D. Hodgkinson, vice-president of Filene's, vice chairmen; Charles E. Lee, manager, Civic Bureau, Boston Chamber of Commerce, secretary; Francis W. Hatch, vice president of Batten, Barton Durstine and Osborn, Inc., and Henry G. Brown, Boston Chamber of Commerce.

These 144 civic-minded citizens plan to do something about Boston, Mr. Benton explained. Other committee members will be added, and by the end of this week, the committee will make formal announcement of its first project which will concern public backing of a much-discussed plan to benefit all taxpayers and business, not only in Boston but throughout Massachusetts and New England.

The Committee On A Working Basis

The Greater Boston Development Committee will be supported by contributions from private individuals and business interests who have already pledged their whole-hearted support of the development of Boston. An executive director will be appointed, and headquarters maintained for this work which is now being carried on by committee members, in conjunction with their own businesses.

"The Committee will be able to go before the city and legislature as a body representing many sections and interests, with the backing of those interests, rather than have small groups, representing only one segment of the city, go before these hearings and be tossed around," Mr. Benton pointed out.

"The Greater Boston Development Committee, although formed months ago, and built up through countless meetings and conferences, was only made public yesterday because every member on the committee wished first to lay firm ground work before any publicity was given—to make certain that this wouldn't be like other committees, with a lot of discussion and no action," Mr. Hodgkinson added, praising Mr. Benton for his work on insisting that solid ground work be laid first, then plans announced just on the eve of their opening.

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Boston Traveler

Better Hub Group Soon to Announce First Objective

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HRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, BOSTON, TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1945

Committee Formed to Push Greater Boston Development

Announcing the formation of a Greater Boston Development Committee to obtain action "for achieving the Boston of tomorrow" a group of 147 prominent citizens today set in motion the basic machinery necessary for an overall drive against substandard housing, archaic tax systems, port decadence and haphazard metropolitan expansion.

Prepared to move immediately in any direction that will make Greater Boston a better place in which to live and work, the Committee springs from the activities of several groups working together over the last six months for the promotion of a "master plan" of action for rebuilding the community along the modern pattern. Particular emphasis will be placed upon the development of the Port of Boston.

Behind this mass planning venture is the Boston Chamber of Commerce, Boston Retail Trade Board, Boston Planning Board, Boston Central Labor Union, many educational institutions, industries, newspapers and government officials.

Jay R. Benton, President of the Boston Mutual Insurance Company, is Chairman of the Executive Committee of 30 members which includes such prominent names as John L. de Monte, President of the Central Labor Union, Charles Francis Adams, former Secretary of the Navy, Gov. Maurice J. Tobin, William K. Jackson, President of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, and H. D. Hodgkinson, Vice-President of William Filene's Sons Company.

Among those on the general committee are Arthur W. Eckman, General Counsel of The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Boston, Massachusetts, William P. Hickey, Traffic Commissioner of Boston, J. E. Harrell, President of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Company, Joseph P. Kennedy, former Ambassador to England, and William Roger Greeley, Chairman of the Boston Contest Committee.

Within another week, the Development Committee is expected to announce the first project upon which it intends to concentrate as part of an overall attack upon the accumulative problems of traffic congestion, decentralization of Boston proper, slums, high taxes, municipal expenses and education.

By concentrating upon individual problems, rather than attempting an inital, full-scale leap into the conglomeration of problems confronting the metropolitan area, the Committee hopes to avoid confusion and the forestalling of improvements that have somehow got lost in the files of the last quarter of a century.

To enable the Hub to move faster as the central pivot of a great metropolitan district, the Committee announced its fundamental purposes as follows:

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Bostonians have seen this development coming as a grand climax to the Boston Contest, sponsored by Boston University, the Boston Society of Architects and Boston Chamber of Commerce, to evolve a master plan of organization and co-ordination of services throughout metropolitan Boston. Opening of a grand exhibition of much-needed Boston planning projects at the Museum of Fine Arts, Jan. 17, is part of this expanding series of events leading to the development of public interest and co-operation in pushing Greater Boston.

Organization of the Boston Development Committee is Boston's way of saying that planned ventures are no longer to be relegated to the files, that "action" is the watchword of 1945 and the postwar period of rehabilitation.

THE BELMONT (MASS.) CITIZEN

Jay R. Benton Heads Up "Better Boston" Group

Noted Civic Leader and Former Town Moderator Made Chairman of Development Committee Which Proposes a Finer Greater Boston. Alden Brett and Thomas Pappas Also on Committee.

Heading a group of 144 outstanding Greater Boston men and women, representing municipal government, education, business, religion, capital, and labor, all pledged to the task of making Boston a more modern and progressive city, is a Belmont man, Jay R. Benton of 3 Pequossette road.

At a meeting held in Mr. Benton's office this week in Boston, where he is the president of the Boston Mutual Insurance Company, the Greater Boston Development Committee was officially named. The group will also serve as a rallying point for all organizations seeking to improve Boston and its suburbs.

"Many major developments in Boston would certainly benefit almost every suburban community, including Belmont," Mr. Benton told the CITIZEN yesterday. "We hope to let what we accomplish speak for itself," said Mr. Benton, who is a former attorney-general. "There have been many excellent plans for the betterment of Boston, but the trouble has been that these things did not get beyond the planning stage because the public did not rally behind them. We intend to provide the impetus to put such plans into operation."

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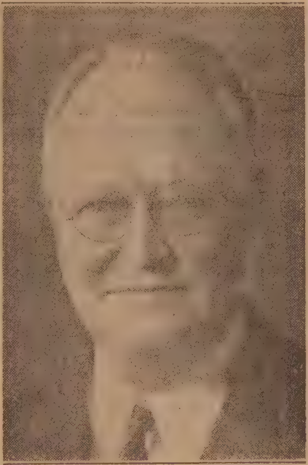

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Among those on the committee from Belmont are Alden C. Brett of 96 Fletcher road, treasurer of the Hood Rubber Company in Watertown, and Thomas A. Pappas of 23 Long avenue, president of C. Pappas Company, importers, of Boston.

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PERSONAL SIDE OF THE BUSINESS

The newly organized Greater Boston Development Committee is headed by **Jay R. Benton,** president of Boston Mutual Life. **Frederic C. Church, Jr.,** of Boit, Dalton, Church & Co. is on the executive committee.

SAVINGS AND LOANS

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The Insurance Age-Journal

JAY BENTON, president of the Boston Mutual heads a group of business men working to get together the citizens of Boston representing all its interests, for a Greater Boston Development Committee . . . insurance men working with him are EDWARD C. STONE, head of the Employers' Group; FREDERIC CHURCH, of Boit, Dalton & Church; MARSHALL B. DALTON, president of the Manufacturers Mutual; GEORGE W. HART, manager of the Niagara Fire.

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The New Committee

To the Editor—I have read with great interest of the organization of the Greater Boston Development Committee for the purpose of improving this district. I wish to commend them and wish them good luck with all their plans and projects.

J. STELLER.

Chelsea.

BOSTON POST, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1945

BETTER BOSTON

The Greater Boston development committee, made up of civic-minded volunteers who have risen to the need of taking the future of Boston off the drafting boards and out of the discussion forums and give it reality, may provide the turning point of Boston's decline from greatness.

It has the marks of success. It is launched not only with the realization that something has to be done. It is launched not only for the purpose of breathing life into the plans for betterment. It is launched with the most important thing of all, without which no great effort can accomplish—enthusiasm.

Without enthusiasm for the task of making Boston a competitor for the alert, progressive and far-seeing cities of the nation, all the hand-wringing and hurrah, which hitherto has marked many endeavors to get Boston spinning again, will end up as before—in a pigeonhole.

But in the past, all projects for the betterment of Boston have been the concern only of a few civic-minded men who comprehended that the quaint, crooked streets, the quaint, barnacled wharves and the quaint, historic monuments attracted the individual, idealistic tourist on vacation, but not the realistic corporation bent on making profits and providing jobs.

Alone, almost single-handed, for years the pioneering few butted their heads against the stonewalls of complacency and indifference. While we smirked at the enthusiastic exaggerations of Los Angeles and Miami, those communities grew. While we smiled at the enthusiasm of staid New York in setting up a World's Fair to boom that city, Manhattan held its own.

But the efforts of the few have not been in vain. The light has begun to penetrate. That this new committee is a Greater Boston affair indicates an understanding that Boston's prosperity is the vital concern of adjacent communities. That men from other States of New England have begun urging Boston's resurgence points to a realization that Boston's greatness is necessary to the welfare of their localities.

Now that the few who first labored have been augmented by many leaders of standing and achievement in the business world, the laboring world, the educational world, the legal world, and other spheres of activity, all joined together, working for the same selfless purpose, can make Boston big again.

But a large committee cannot do it alone. The need that something be done, and the spirit that it can be done must be caught up by others. The enthusiasm to get it done must fire the mass of the people. Since it is for the good of all, it is the task of all. As modern Paul Reveres, the members of the committee can and will spread the warning, "The Post-war World is coming"—and jar us all into action.

LT. David Benton O-771886
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APO 557, c/o P.M. N.Y., N.Y.

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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

9 Jan. '45

Dear Mom + Dad,

My "coloring" has improved a lot the last couple of days. I'm only about half as "yellow" now as when I first came here — and, improving every day. Feel fine, of course.

Yesterday, Sgt. Peterson, my engineer, came down for a visit and brought a big batch of mail for me along with him. I had a field day reading the letters last night. There must have been easily 25 in all!

The Benton xmas card is swell. I got a big kick out the "Mrs. David Benton" — Jeanne did too - she mentioned it in one of her letters.

Guildhall certainly had its share of excitement. Hope the cottage wasn't damaged too badly. Too bad Karl couldn't send you the bear - Ha!

Don't know just when I'll be getting out of this place. The Doc says I am making rapid progress so I feel pretty hopeful at the moment.

Much love to all,
Dave

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Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
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THE PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY
EXETER NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE PRINCIPAL

January 9, 1945

My dear Mr. Benton:

Your letter about Nicholas' induction has come while Dr. Perry is in Boston for a few days. He will be sorry to learn when he returns that Nicholas could not finish at Exeter but, as you say, three and one-half years will help him.

Will you be good enough to let us have his address as soon as you know what it is? We are trying very hard to keep the lists of our four thousand Exeter men and boys in the service accurate and up-to-date.

Sincerely yours,

Elaine J. Ross

Secretary to Dr. Perry

Jay R. Benton, Esquire
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

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E. S. WELLS KERR

January 9, 1945

Dear Nick,

I am very sorry that you cannot return to Exeter. The greetings of the President were too strong, and you have passed from the role of scholar-actor to soldier. Well, my best wishes to you in the new role. The first part of your army experience will be confused and rather hard. After a time -- not very long -- you will come to feel at home in military life. And I know you will do your best. Remember all the time that this military experience is only an interlude, and before very long you will be back in civilian life. Keep a good sense of humor for whatever happens in the first couple of months.

You will be in the thought of a great many of us here. Please send me a line now and then, telling about where you are and what you are doing. And get back for a visit just as often as you can. My best wishes to you.

Sincerely,

E. S. Wells Kerr

THE PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY
EXETER, NEW HAMPSHIRE

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

January 9. 1945

My dear Jay Benton.

I am very sorry that Nicholas could not finish the school year. I constantly feel that a very great burden is being put on these young boys - not that they don't carry it well - they do. But they do seem so young.

We think a great deal of Nick here. He has had trouble with his work, but he has been a fine boy - honorable, friendly, pleasant. I hope he will get back to visit whenever he has the chance.

My kind wishes.

Sincerely

E S Wells

THE UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY AT GUILDHALL, VERMONT

January 10th
1945

Dear Jay:

Under seperate cover, a supply of 8½ X 11 for the diarist, glad to take care of your wants along these lines, don't fail to let me know when you need more.

Some one told Frank Chessman and Frank told "Hen" Archer 'n "Hen" told the Store Court that this would be an open winter, what a laugh, SNOW-evem the rabbits have petitioned the Selectmen for Snowshoes, and COLD----even Minnie Ford (this is off the record) has been complaining, 'n thats suthing for Guildhall's warmspinster, -Poor thing, she has waited so long for her ship to come in that her Pier has collasped, I just know you'll agree it's most sad.

Enclosed is picture of the barn at the old Bell farm, you will get an idea of what the "Twister" done, this was taken a few days after, note crew pressing hay, some of the steel roofing was found up in back of Judge Morris' summer home.

Best wishes and "Take Care",

Boston University Law School Association

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee, at the Law School 11 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.

On Wednesday, January 10th at 4 P.M.

Important business will be transacted, especially

Annual Dinner - By-Laws - Finances

EDWARD M. DANGEL
Sec. - Treas.

Had to pass this up.

Wednesday
Noon
Jan 10, 1945

Dear Folks -

Army life here is very good, indeed - toughest guy in the barracks bunks above me - and we're great pals. His lack of English is outstanding. I'm writing with the indelible ink that I marked all my clothes with. I get my shots this afternoon - and maybe shipped tomorrow. - If not I may be home for the week end - but the odds are quite great. I'm writing on the bunk and it's quite uncomfortable - so I shall close - will call Friday nite if I'm here and if I'm coming home - in which case have Kathleen bake me one of my special cakes -

love, Nick

P.S. Was it cold here today - Barracks are freezing
Seven above, I think,

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Mr & Mrs. Jay B. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, Mass.

AT THREE O'CLOCK this afternoon in the Hall of Flags at the State House, members of the Greater Boston Development Committee will meet with representatives of the CIO and the AFL and members of the legislature preparatory to the filing of a new bill on Beacon Hill relating to the development of the Port of Bostor

Today was the coldest day of the winter in Boston, and the city and surrounding communities will continue in the grip of the cold wave throughout the night and most of tomorrow, the weather burea dicted.

Wednesday, January 10th 1945

Good and cold today. Breakfast - orange juice - wheat germ - minced Lamb on toast - Iced coffee. Frances did not go into Red Cross until later - so I went to town all the way on the cars - Office - work - getting data together for E. Ober Pride for my Federal Income Tax Return - out at 12.15 Taxi to the Mass. Women's Republican Club at 46 Beacon St - Ben. Felt had called up asking me to sit at the Middlesex Club Table at a luncheon for Sinclair Weeks on his return from the U.S. Senate. Service was very slow. Left at 1.30 - Back to the office - Real Estate - at 2.45 to the State House. Filed the Port Authority Bill for the Greater Boston Development Committee. A good turn out. Back to the office - Worked, left at 4.45 with Moody and Mansfield - to Allston then home. Upstairs and did a week's testing - Dinner at 6.30 - A fine Fish Chowder - Stuffed Tomato - Cauliflower Hollandaise - Fruit cup. Upstairs and did more work on my testing and then to Bed.

BOSTON HERALD, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1945

NEW BOSTON PORT AUTHORITY BILL was filed yesterday in the Legislature by the Greater Boston Development Committee. In front, left to right: Jay R. Benton, chairman of the committee; Jarvis Hunt, legislative representative; Senator Harris W. Richardson of Winchester, who formally filed the bill; W. K. Jackson, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and John J. DelMonte, president of the Boston Central Labor Union, AFL. In back: Former Mayor John F Fitzgerald, member of the present authority; John Collins, assistant regional director, CIO, and Thomas A. Pappas, member of the present authority.

$15,000,000 Port Bill Asks New Authority

By JOHN FENTON

Bills providing for creation of a new Boston Port Authority possessing full power to take constructive action, and for appropriations up to $15,000,000 to develop the port were filed in both houses of the Legislature yesterday by the Greater Boston Development Committee.

This step was taken 48 hours after the committee announced its formation and membership, and was in keeping with its avowed intention of lending immediate support to major projects affecting the metropolitan area.

The scene of the bills' presentation was the Hall of Flags at the

New Authority For Port Aim

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State House, where are kept the battle standards of former Boston patriots, who fought for the right to make the city a center of commerce.

FORMAL CEREMONY

Presentation of the bills was made by Jay R. Benton, chairman of the development committee, and Jarvis Hunt, newly appointed legislative representative. The Senate bill was filed formally by Sen. Harris W. Richardson of Winchester, and the House bill by Rep. Peter Jordan of Revere, Republican floor leader.

Also present were other members of the committee, representing labor and industry. They included former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald and Thomas A. Pappas, members of the present port authority; W. K. Jackson, president of the Chamber of Commerce; John J. DelMonte, president of the Boston Central Labor Union, AFL, and John Collins, assistant regional director of the CIO.

Main features of the duplicate bills include abolition of the present authority and substition of a new one, which would have jurisdiction over all property in the port of Boston, from Point Allerton in Hull, to Point Shirley, in Winthrop. The authority would not have within its jurisdiction the Logan International Airport. The entire set-up is designed on the lines of the New York Port Authority.

The new authority would have the right to regulate all commerce and industry within the port, including the leasing, buying and construction of piers and other facilities. It also would have the power to advertise the port, solicit business and take other similar action. The present authority lacks all these powers; it can only make recommendations.

FIVE-YEAR TERMS

The bills also call for the appointment by the governor of a five-member board for five-year terms. The first five appointees' terms would run from one to five years, so that re-appointments would be made annually, each for five years.

Each member would receive $50 per day while engaged in business for the port authority, with a maximum of $5000 per year. The authority would have the power to appoint a director and to pay him whatever salary necessary in order to attract the best executive. The director would be the important figure in the setup.

The $15,000,000 appropriations contained in the bills would be met by bond issues, on such terms as the Governor and Executive Council might recommend.

BOSTON DAILY GLOBE—THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1945

BILL FOR STRONGER BOSTON PORT AUTHORITY is presented by Chairman Jay R. Benton of the new committee to develop port, to Senator Harris W. Richardson, who will introduce it in Legislature. Left to right, Chairman Benton, Jarvis Hunt, John F. Fitzgerald, Senator Richardson, John Collins, Thomas A. Pappas, William K. Jackson and John S. Delmonte.

Legislature Gets Bill for Stronger Port Authority

By LOUIS M. LYONS

Moving promptly to action, the Greater Boston Development Committee filed a bill in the Legislature yesterday to create a Boston Port Authority with power and funds to replace the old docks in this harbor with modern facilities.

To dramatize their action and the importance of the port program, a large group of the executive committee went up to the State House and was photographed in the Hall of Flags.

With the delegation were members of both branches of the Legislature, who will introduce the port bill, representatives of organized labor, who share the stake that business has in the future of the port, and members of the present Port Authority, who completely indorse the bill to supplant them. They never have had either the authority or the appropriations to develop the port and were among the first to urge creation of a stronger setup.

The port bill is the Development Committee's first undertaking. Its next project is the airport.

Wide Powers for New Group

The port bill abolishes the present Port Authority and creates a new body of five with five-year terms. They will have control of all property in the port, extending from Point Allerton to Point Shirley, except the airport. They will have the right to regulate all commerce and industry within the port, to lease, buy and construct piers and other necessary facilities, to control dock charges and determine what structures and activities shall be permitted on the waterfront and to advertise and solicit business for the port.

The bill is based on the grant of power to the New York Port Authority, which has constructed the modern terminals, tunnels and bridges of Manhattan. The bill carries an appropriation of $15,000,000 for developing the new piers proposed in the recent Lane-Peterson plan but it does not specify the piers to be built. That is left to the new Port Authority.

The bill provides that facilities built "must be economically sound and necessary to the development of the port." The Lane Peterson plan estimated that $15,000,000 would provide the immediate needs of the port, which they described as the rebuilding of the Mystic and Hoosac Piers of the Boston & Maine in Charlestown and the old New Haven piers in South Boston. This would provide berths for 12 ships, they figured, and added to present Boston & Albany docks, would give 17 ship berths in the port, enough, they said, "to provide a breathing spell, time to turn around and take stock of the situation and make an appraisal of the future requirements of the port."

The bill authorizes the Port Authority to appoint a director, "who will be the important man, and the Authority will pay him whatever salary is necessary."

That makes two men of large caliber to be found for the initial program. The committee members have already said that one of their earliest steps must be to obtain, as executive director for the committee's own program, "a man who doesn't know the word failure and has no tag attached to him."

The members would be paid only for time spent on the port, at $50 a day, but not to exceed $5000 in a year. The first members would be appointed for one, two, three, four and five-year terms, so that reappointments can be for five years. Appointment would be by the governor.

Jarvis Hunt, last year's Senate President, is to be legislative counsel in handling the port bill. Senator Harris W. Richardson of Winchester will sponsor the bill in the Senate, Representatives Patrick J. McDonough of South Boston and Peter Jordan of Revere will champion it in the House.

The C. I. O. regional office was represented in the group at the State House by John Collins, the A. F. of L. by John J. DelMonte, president of the Boston Central Labor Union. Present Port Authority members attending were Thomas A. Pappas and John F. Fitzgerald, with the port manager, Andrew F. Lane, joint author of the port bill.

The development committee delegation, headed by Chairman Jay R. Benton, included William K. Jackson, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; Daniel J. Lyne, attorney; Maynard L. Harris, vice president, New England Trust Company, and Charles E. Lee, manager of the civic bureau of the Chamber of Commerce.

New Plans Give Power to Hub Port Authority

DISCUSS PLANS FOR BETTERING BOSTON

Attending the State House meeting of the Greater Boston development committee were, left to right, front row: Chairman Jay R. Benton, Jarvis Hunt, Senator Harris W. Richardson, John J. DelMonte. Rear: John F. Fitzgerald, John Collins, Thomas A. Pappas and William K. Jackson.

PLAN NEW AUTHORITY FOR PORT

Bills Provide Power and $15,000,000 for New Piers

Creation of a real Port Authority of five men with $15,000,000 to spend to develop docks and piers and regulate industry and commerce from Winthrop to Hull was proposed late yesterday to the Legislature by the Greater Boston development committee at ceremonies held in the Hall of Flags at the State House.

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Former Atty. Gen. Jay Benton, as chairman of the executive committee of the development committee, presented legislative bills covering the proposals to State Senator Harris S. Richardson of Winchester, and Representative Peter J. Jordan of Revere, Republican floor leaders, who immediately filed them for action.

The present Port Authority Board would be abolished and the new board created and given far-reaching power to make Boston one of the leading ports of the world. The new committee of five members would be appointed by the Governor and receive $50 a day for each day they sit up to $5000 a year. But they could pick the port director and give him the salary they think he is worth, without limit.

Leading Sponsor

Participating in the ceremonies yesterday were former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, chairman of the present Boston Port Authority, and one of the leading sponsors of the new proposed set-up; former president Jarvis Hunt of the State Senate, now counsel for the committee; President William K. Jackson of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; President John J. DelMonte of the Boston Central Labor Union; Representative Patrick J. McDonough, New England regional field agent of the CIO; Attorney Daniel J. Lyne and Thomas A. Pappas.

In explaining the proposed legislation, Chairman Benton stated that "This bill abolishes the present Boston Port Authority and sets up a new Authority composed of five members to be appointed by the Governor for five-year terms. It is arranged that the first five shall have their offices run out in terms of one, two, three, four and five years, so that the reappointments will be for five-year terms, one each year. Compensation of each member would be $50 per day when engaged in business for the Port Authority with a maximum of $5000 a year.

"This Port Authority would have jurisdiction over all property in the Port of Boston, which includes all the area west of a line from Point Allerton, Hull, to Point Shirley, with the exception of the Logan International Airport. The airport does not come under this bill.

Salaried Director

"The Port Authority would have the power to appoint a director, who will be the important man, and the Authority will pay him whatever salary is necessary.

"The Port Authority will have the right to regulate all commerce and industry within the Port of Boston—lease, buy, construct piers and other necessary facilities, with the provision that those facilities must be economically sound and necessary to the development of the port.

"The Port Authority will have the power to advertise the port, solicit business, etc. It is modeled on the New York Port Authority.

"The bill carries an appropriation of $15,000,000 to be met by a bond issue. The bonds will be issued on such terms as the Governor and Council shall recommend to the General Court and as the authorities shall from time to time need, up to $15,000,000."

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PRESENT NEW PORT OF BOSTON BILL AT STATE HOUSE. *Jay R. Benton, chairman of the new Greater Boston Development Committee, handing draught of the measure to State Senator Harris W. Richardson. The bill calls for a new Boston Port Authority of five men which would have greatly enlarged powers over those of the present board. It asks for an appropriation of $15,000,000 to develop new piers and make improvements on the waterfront. The new Port Authority would have control of all property in the port extending from Point Allerton to Point Shirley, exclusive of Logan International Airport.*

In the picture, left to right, are: Charles E. Lee of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, secretary for the Committee; Rep. Patrick J. McDonough, William K. Jackson, president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce; Jay R. Benton, Jarvis Hunt, last year's president of the State Senate; Senator Richardson; former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald; Maynard L. Harris, vice-president, New England Trust Co.; Thomas Pappas of the Boston Port Authority; Daniel J. Lynde, attorney; John S. Delmonte, president, Boston Central Labor Union; Rep. Peter Jordan, and Andrew F. Lane, general manager of the Boston Port Authority.

SENATE . . . . No. 216

To accompany the petition of Jay R. Benton, General Chairman, Executive Committee of the Greater Boston Development Committee, that the Boston Port Authority be abolished and a Port of Boston Authority be established and that its powers and duties be defined. State Administration.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Five.

AN ACT ABOLISHING THE BOSTON PORT AUTHORITY, AND ESTABLISHING A PORT OF BOSTON AUTHORITY AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to make immediately operative the broader powers vested in the new board thereby created and thereby to aid in the more prompt enlargement of the port of Boston and the benefits to be derived therefrom by the city of Boston and the commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience and necessity.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section seventeen of chapter six of the General Laws, as most recently amended by section one of chapter three hundred and ninetythree of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-nine, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word "commission" in the ninth and tenth lines, the following: — the port of Boston authority, — so as to read as follows: — *Section 17.* The armory commission, the art commission, the commission on administration and finance, the commissioner of state aid and pensions, the commissioners on uniform state laws, the public bequest commission, the state ballot law commission, the board of trustees of the soldiers' home in Massachusetts, the milk regulation board, the alcoholic beverages control commission, the state racing commission, the Greylock reservation commission, the port of Boston authority and the Massachusetts aeronautics commission shall serve under the governor and council and shall be subject to such supervision as the governor and council deem necessary and proper.

SECTION 2. Said chapter six is hereby further amended by inserting at the end, under the caption Port of Boston Authority, the three following sections: —

Section 53. There shall be a board, to be known as the port of Boston authority, consisting of five members, to be appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council. Upon the expiration of the term of office of a member his successor shall be appointed by the governor, to serve for five years and until the qualification of his successor. The governor shall designate one of the members as chairman. Each member may be removed by the governor, with like advice and consent. The members shall receive compensation at the rate of fifty dollars for each day during which they perform any of their official duties, but not in excess of five thousand dollars in any one year, and shall also receive their necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their official duties. Each member may travel in the performance of his official duties within and without the commonwealth and, while so travelling, may incur such expense as said authority may from time to time approve.

Section 54. Said authority may appoint, and may remove, a director and may from time to time establish his salary. Said director and such other agents and employees of said authority as it shall from time to time designate by a writing filed in its office may travel in the performance of their official duties within and without the commonwealth and, while so travelling, may incur such expenses as said authority may from time to time approve.

Section 55. Said authority shall have an office in the city of Boston; shall, in addition to a director, employ such experts, counsel, clerks, engineers, assistants and other employees as it may deem necessary; and, subject to appropriation, may incur such other expenses, including the expense for advertising and publicizing the port of Boston, as it may deem necessary. The director, rate experts, commerce counsel, traffic solicitors, other experts or counsel, and other persons so employed, shall not be subject to chapter thirty-one and the rules and regulations made thereunder.

Section 3. The General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after chapter ninety-one, as amended, the following chapter:

CHAPTER 91A.

PORT OF BOSTON AUTHORITY.

Section 1. The port of Boston authority, created under section fifty-three of chapter six, hereafter in this chapter referred to as the authority, shall from time to time investigate any and all matters relating to the port of Boston, particularly with reference to unification of overseas terminals, belt line connections, condition and location of piers and channels, switching, floatage, lighterage, rates, rules, regulations and practices, dockage, wharfage, water front labor conditions, grain elevator and warehouse facilities. The authority may initiate or participate in any rate proceedings, or any hearings or investigations concerning the port of Boston, before any other body or official. The authority shall report annually in December, or oftener if the authority deems it necessary, to the governor and the general court.

Section 2. For the purposes of this chapter the port of Boston is defined to be all of the tide water lying westerly of a line drawn between Point Allerton on the south and the southerly end of Point Shirley on the north and all parcels of land adjacent thereto and property thereon; provided, that said term shall not mean or include the airport known as the General Edward Lawrence Logan airport.

Section 3. The authority shall be in administrative charge of the port of Boston; shall cause to be made all necessary plans for the development of Boston harbor; shall have immediate charge of the lands, piers and other structures and facilities now or hereafter owned by the commonwealth in said port, except lands under the control of the metropolitan park commission or of the metropolitan water and sewerage board, and of the construction of piers and other public works therein which are necessary, economically sound and in the best interests of the commonwealth: shall administer all terminal facilities under its control; shall keep itself thoroughly informed as to the present and probable future requirements of steamships and shipping and as to the best means which can be provided at said port for the accommodations of steamships, railroads, warehouses and industrial establishments.

The authority, with the approval of the governor and council, may acquire by purchase or otherwise or take by eminent domain, under chapter seventy-nine, and may hold such real property and such rights and easements therein as the authority may from time to time consider necessary for the purpose of constructing or securing the constructing or utilizing of piers and, in connection therewith, highways, railroad connections, storage yards and sites for warehouses and industrial establishments, and may lay out and build thereon, and upon such other lands as under section of this chapter are under its jurisdiction, such piers, with buildings and appurtenances, docks, highways, waterways, railroad connections, storage yards, grain elevators and public warehouses as in the opinion of the authority may be desirable; provided, that if general plans bearing the signed approval of the authority, or the signed approval, before the effective date of this section, of the department of public works, given after due notice and a hearing, describing the property and showing the location and character of any proposed docks, piers, wharves, warehouses, grain elevators, factories, power plants and industrial terminals, of adequate and proper design and general suitability for the purposes for which they are to be used, shall be filed with the authority, together with a written notice signed by the owners or lessees or by others having legal rights in the premises, stating that they propose to construct upon the property described the improvements shown by said plans and claiming exemption from the taking by eminent domain as authorized by this chapter of any of such property, including the lands upon which said improvements are to be constructed, then said land and said improvements shall not be taken by the authority by eminent domain without the authorization of the general court granted within forty years after the date of the filing of said plans if substantial construction in general accordance with such plans is actually begun in good faith within one year after the date of the approval by the authority of the plans, and if said improvements are finished substantially in accordance with said plans within five years after the beginning of the construction of said improvements unless the authority shall extend the time within which said improvements shall be completed; and provided, further, that after completion said improvements during said period of forty years are kept in suitable repair and are used for the purposes to which said approval applied; and provided, further, that if general plans bearing the signed approval of the authority, or the signed approval, before the effective date of this section, of the department of public works, given after due notice and a hearing, and describing the property and location and character of any existing docks, piers, wharves, warehouses, factories, power plants and industrial terminals, and certifying that they are of proper design and adequate and suitable for the purposes for which they are to be used and that they are in proper condition and in thorough repair, shall be filed with the authority, together with a written notice signed by the owners or lessees or by others having legal rights in the premises and claiming exemption from the taking by eminent domain as authorized by this chapter of any such property, including the lands upon which said improvements have been constructed, then said lands and said improvements shall not be taken by the authority by eminent domain without the authorization of the general court granted within forty years after the date of the approval by the authority if during that time such property is kept in suitable repair and is used for the purpose to which said approval applied; and provided, further, that none of the exemptions from taking by eminent domain provided for in this chapter shall apply to the taking by the authority of any property necessary for providing suitable and convenient track connections between the rails serving any pier or piers that may be built or acquired or improved under the terms of this chapter, or which may have been built or acquired or improved under corresponding provisions of earlier law, or under sections or of chapter ninety-one, and the rails of any existing or proposed railroad that now reaches or hereafter may reach Boston. Title to all property acquired by the authority shall be in the commonwealth.

Section 4. All piers and other similar structures built by the authority, or by any predecessor under similar provisions of earlier laws, shall be equipped, either by the authority or by the lessees thereof, with fireproof sheds, railway tracks, cranes, and other machinery and accommodations for the convenient, economical, and speedy loading and discharge of freight; and the authority may acquire, hold, and operate such lighters and other vessels as may be convenient and, in the opinion of the authority, needed for that purpose. The authority shall make such reasonable rules and regulations and shall charge such reasonable rates for the use of such structures and equipment as it may from time to time deem wise.

Section 5. The authority, with the approval of the governor and council, may enter into agreements with the United States for the purchase, leasing or operation of any piers or other facilities owned by the United States and, pursuant to any such agreement, to operate and manage, or to lease, the same.

Section 6. The authority may lease for a period not exceeding twenty years, under such covenants and conditions as it may prescribe, storage facilities, wharves, piers, foreshores, bulkheads, docks, sheds, grain elevators, warehouses and industrial locations within its charge. The authority may lease sites for warehouses and industrial locations for a longer period, but every lease of such sites for a period exceeding twenty years shall provide for a readjustment of the rental at intervals of not more than twenty years. No lease for a term exceeding five years shall be valid until approved by the governor and council. The income from all wharfage and storage rates, use of cranes, lighterage, dockage, and other charges and from the leases of lands, storage structures, wharves, piers, foreshores, docks, sheds, warehouses, and industrial sites and all moneys received by the commonwealth for tidewater displacements in Boston harbor under section twenty-one of chapter ninety-one, and all moneys hereafter received which on May twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and twelve were required to be paid in the Commonwealth's Flats Improvement Fund, shall be collected by the authority and paid into the state treasury to the credit of the Port of Boston Fund. Said fund may be invested by the state treasurer at his discretion from time to time in the manner as is provided by law for the investment of the commonwealth's funds, and all income from such investments shall be added to the fund. The authority may expend the Port of Boston Fund for the purpose of operating, maintaining, repairing, and preserving the property in the control of the authority and such sum or sums as the legislature may appropriate annually for salaries, office expenses, incurred by the authority shall be paid so far as possible from said fund; any balance remaining from said fund after the aforementioned expenses have been paid shall be applied to the payment of interest and to the annual payments on account of principal of any securities which may have been issued to raise money to be expended by the department of public works, or may be issued to raise money to be expended by the authority, for the development of the port of Boston.

Section 7. The authority is authorized to grade and surface suitably any railroad locations or traffic ways which are or may be located on lands, flats, or rights therein, now owned or hereafter acquired by the commonwealth under the provisions of this chapter, and to carry said ways or railroads over or under any railroad or railway location or public way in order to eliminate crossings at grade, and to provide suitable and convenient track connections between the rails serving any pier or piers and those of any existing or proposed railroad that now reaches or hereafter may reach Boston. All piers held or controlled by the authority shall also be accessible and open to all teaming and lighterage traffic, subject to such regulations as the authority may from time to time make.

Upon application to the authority, any railroad company that now reaches or hereafter may reach Boston, either by its own rails or under trackage or traffic contract or agreement with any other railroad company, may be provided by the authority with a track connection with the tracks serving such pier or piers.

Section 8. Every authority or license granted since eighteen hundred and sixty-eight by the general court, or by the department of public works or its predecessors, to any person to build or extend a wharf or other structure upon, or to drive piles in, or to fill or otherwise occupy, land in tide or navigable water, within the port of Boston and under the control of said authority, which is revocable at the discretion of the general court, and every other similar right or privilege within said area which is revocable, whether or not compensation has been paid under any provision of law or otherwise, shall hereafter cease and determine, or be subject to forfeiture, in case of the nonuse of the same for an unreasonable time without reasonable cause, and it shall be prima facie evidence that the same is held unused in restraint of trade when the tendency of such nonuse is to prevent competition in its broad and general sense, unless such person has, prior to July twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and twelve, made reasonable and substantial use of structures, or has reasonably and substantially occupied land in tide or navigable waters, for the purposes for which the authority or license was granted; and thereupon every such authority or license and every similar right and privilege shall cease and determine on repayment, or tender of repayment, by the commonwealth of compensation therefor to the amount which shall have been paid into the state treasury of the commonwealth in accordance with the terms of such authority or license; and it shall be the duty of the authority to cause a proper certificate of the revocation of such authority or license to be recorded forthwith in the registry of deeds for the county within which such structure was built or work done. No license or other authority to build structures upon or to fill up or enclose any ground mentioned in this section shall be construed to interfere with or impair the right of any person affected thereby to equal proportional privileges of approaching low water mark or one hundred rods from high water mark, or harbor lines established by law, or to impair the right to obtain a license or authority so to approach of persons having interests in lands or flats which may be affected thereby, or to impair the legal rights of any person. All things done under such license or authority shall be subject to the approval of the authority. If after the granting of any such licenses or authority, the general court shall establish a harbor line within the outer line covered by such license or authority, the same shall be limited by and not extend beyond such harbor line.

Section 9. The authority may proceed at law or in equity to enforce the provisions of any lease, contract, instrument, or other agreement acquired or entered into by it or the department of public works or its predecessor under any provision of this chapter or of similar provisions of earlier laws.

Section 10. The supreme judicial court shall have jurisdiction in equity upon any information filed by the attorney general, of any violation of any provision of this chapter or of any pertinent similar provision of earlier law of which such provision of this chapter is a continuation.

SECTION 4. Of the members of the port of Boston authority first appointed under authority of this act one shall be appointed for the term of one year from the first day of July in the current year, one for the term of two years from said date, one for the term of three years from said date, one for the term of four years from said date, and one for the term of five years from said date.

SECTION 5. All the rights, powers, and duties on the effective date of this act pertaining to the department of public works in respect to lands, rights in lands, flats, shores, waters, and rights belonging to the commonwealth in tidewaters and in lands under water, within the port of Boston, and any other rights and powers heretofore vested by the laws of the commonwealth in the department of public works in respect to the port of Boston not heretofore in this act expressly vested in or imposed upon the port of Boston authority, hereinafter and the subsequent sections of this act referred to as the authority, are hereby transferred to and hereafter shall be vested in and exercised by the authority. There is also transferred to and vested in the authority the right to expend any unexpended funds heretofore authorized or appropriated to be expended by the department of public works in the area above designated, and the right which the department of public works has heretofore exercised in regard to moneys paid to the commonwealth in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-four of chapter ninety-one of the General Laws. The authority shall also assume and take over, on behalf of the commonwealth, any rights, powers, and duties of the department of public works under any contracts heretofore made for the improvement, filling, sale, use, or other disposition of the lands, flats, or waters of the commonwealth within the port of Boston, including any structures which, on said effective date, are existing or being built therein or thereon. The department of public works and the Boston port authority shall deliver to the port of Boston authority such maps, charts, plans, and documents now in the custody of said department or Boston port authority relating to the waters and lands in charge of the port of Boston authority as may be practicable; and said last mentioned authority shall at all times have access to any other maps, charts, plans and documents relating to said waters and lands, in the office of said department of public works or Boston port authority, or in the office or custody of any other public board, commission or official.

Section 6. Whenever in chapter ninety-one of the General Laws, conduct is conditioned upon, or shall be unlawful without, notice or submission to, or the knowledge, satisfaction or assent of, or filing with, or licensing by, the department of public works, such conduct, where related to matters within the area subject to the control and jurisdiction of the authority, shall no longer be so conditioned but shall hereafter be conditioned, subject to the same procedure of enforcement and penalties, if any, for noncompliance, upon like notice or submission to, the knowledge, satisfaction or assent of, the filing with or the granting of a license by, the authority, as the case may be.

Section 7. The authority may temporarily employ such engineering, clerical and other assistants as it deems necessary for the purpose of carrying out any work for which loans referred to in this act are authorized, and chapter thirty-one of the General Laws and the rules and regulations made therein shall not apply to persons so temporarily employed.

Section 8. So much of sections three to seven, inclusive, and of section fifteen, of chapter ninety-one of the General Laws, as amended, as refers to powers and duties of the department of public works which by any provision of this act are granted to and imposed upon the port of Boston authority, is hereby repealed; but, to the fullest extent possible conformably to its terms, so much of this act as refers to such powers and duties shall be construed as a continuation of said provisions and not as a new enactment.

SECTION 9. The Boston port authority, as existing immediately prior to the effective date of this act, is hereby abolished. Each employee of said Boston port authority, as existing immediately prior to the effective date of this act, shall continue to hold, and perform the duties of, the office or position which he or she held upon such effective date, until otherwise ordered by the port of Boston authority; provided, that none of said positions shall be subject to chapter thirty-one of the General Laws and the rules and regulations made thereunder.

SECTION 10. For the purpose of meeting expenditures incurred under authority of chapter ninety-one A of the General Laws, inserted therein by section three of this act, the state treasurer shall upon request of the authority issue and sell at public or private sale bonds of the commonwealth, registered or with interest coupons attached, as he may deem best, to an amount to be specified by the authority from time to time but not exceeding, in the aggregate, the sum of fifteen million dollars. All bonds issued by the commonwealth as aforesaid shall be designated on their face Boston Harbor Terminal Facilities Loan, 1945, and shall be on the serial payment plan for such maximum term of years, not exceeding twenty years, as the governor may recommend to the general court pursuant to section 3 of Article LXII of the amendments to the constitution of the commonwealth, the maturities thereof to be so arranged that the amount payable each year other than the final year shall be as nearly equal as in the opinion of the state treasurer it is practicable to make them. Said bonds shall bear interest semi-annually at such rate as the state treasurer, with the approval of the governor, shall fix.

SECTION 11. This act shall take effect upon its passage; provided, that the department of public works shall continue to have and to exercise all powers and duties imposed upon or vested in said department by law upon said effective date, to the extent of taking action at any time within three months following said effective date upon any petition pending before said department on said effective date upon which a public hearing had then been held or upon which an order of notice of a public hearing had then been issued.

BOSTON NEWS BUREAU

Boston Port Bill Presented To Legislature

Organized Development Committee Files Measure Calling For Creation Of New Port Authority And Appropriations Up To $15 Million By Legislature

wly organized Greater Boston Development Com-
h announced earlier this week plans to carry out
rojects for the further development of the Metropoli-
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xecutive committee filed a bill with the Massachusetts
calling for the abolition of the present Boston Port
creation of a new Authority with full power to take
e action and appropriations up to $15,000,000 for
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ing the bill at the State House yesterday were Jay R.
airman of the Greater Boston Development Commit-
rvis Hunt, legislative representative of the committee.
tives of the CIO and AFL were in attendance.

Features Of The Bill

features of the bill, as outlined by the executive com-
e as follows: "This bill abolishes the present Boston
ority and sets up a new Authority composed of five
to be appointed by the Governor for five-year terms.
ged that the first five shall have their offices run out in
2, 3, 4 and 5 years, so that the reappointments will be
ar terms, one each year. Compensation for each
ould be $50 per day when engaged in business for the
ority, with a maximum of $5000 a year.

Port Authority would have jurisdiction over all
n the Port of Boston, which includes all the area west
rom Point Allerton, Hull, to Point Shirley, with the exception of the Logan International Airport. The airport does not come under this bill.

"The Port Authority would have the power to appoint a director, who will be the important man, and the Authority will pay him whatever salary is necessary.

Modeled On New York Authority

"The Port Authority will have the right to regulate all commerce and industry within the Port of Boston—lease, buy, construct piers and other necessary facilities, with the provision that those facilities must be economically sound and necessary to the development of the Port.

"The Port Authority will have the power to advertise the port, solicit business, etc. It is modeled on the New York Port Authority.

"The bill carries an appropriation of $15,000,000, to be met by a bond issue. The bonds will be issued on such terms as the Governor and the Council shall recommend to the General Court and as the authorities shall from time to time need, up to $15,000,000."

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR,

BOSTON, THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 1945

Call Issued For the Big Push For Boston Air and Port Goals

By W. Clifford Harvey
Staff Writer of The Christian Science Monitor

Plans for development of Boston as a center for airline trade and travel, and facilitation of all metropolitan transportation will bring members of the Greater Boston Development Committee to Beacon Hill shortly in an expanding legislative attack upon regional decay and obsolescence, Jay R. Benton, Chairman of the newly formed citizens group, announced today.

Opening their public pressure campaign for revitalizing the Boston region, the group's Executive Committee filed its first bill at the State House yesterday, calling for a new Boston Port Authority "with authority" to make needed port improvements. The bill would transfer from the State Department of Public Works to the new Authority the right to regulate all commerce and industry within the city. Bond issues totaling $15,000,000 for pier improvements are also called for in the bill.

But this is only the initial step in a long-range program of sponsored projects which Mr. Benton today declared would occupy the attention of the Committee for some time to come. Since the Committee has been six months in growing from an informal group of businessmen meeting at luncheon into a strong working organization, it is assumed that the second and third points of attack, airport and transportation, will follow right on the heels of the call for Port improvements.

Farther back in the line-up of problems upon which the Committee is concentrating are those involving high taxes, high assessments, housing, the smoke nuisance, decentralization of Boston proper, political incompetence, and recreation. The long-range view includes a mass offensive of the region's most influential citizens against the accumulative obsolescence of the last quarter of a century.

Members Gather

The Committee filed its first bill with considerable fanfare. Participating in the filing ceremonies were former Mayor John F. Fitzgerald, one of the early and constant boosters of the Port of Boston; Jarvis Hunt, former President of the State Senate and now counsel for the Committee; William K. Jackson, President of the Boston Chamber of Commerce, President John J. Del Monte of the Central Labor Union, and representatives of other labor groups.

With an eye to the value of public interest, the Committee members congregated in the Hall of Flags for news photographs. They had no intention of keeping quiet the fact that they were out to lift Boston back to its proper level of prominence as an Atlantic shipping center. The bill itself is an effort to bring into operation the powers that have lain dormant in the hands of the Public Works Department, "which is no more interested in developing Boston than it is in promoting New Bedford, or any other Massachusetts seaport," said Mr. Benton.

The bill, in effect, gives Boston a powerful Port Authority, whose sole interest would be the development of Boston. It would have jurisdiction over all Port property, with the exception of the Logan International Airport.

The Authority would have power to appoint a director and pay him a satisfactory salary. It would regulate all commerce in the Port, buy, lease or construct piers and other facilities, and have the power to advertise port facilities, solicit business, and finance its own operations through bond issues on terms recommended by the Governor and Council to the General Court.

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Bill Urges Better Port

The newly organized Greater Boston Development Committee yesterday filed a bill with the Massachusetts Legislature calling for abolition of the present Boston Port Authority and creation of a new authority with full power to develop the port.

The bill carries an appropriation of $15,000,000, to be met by a bond issue.

Modeled after the New York Port Authority, the proposed Boston Port Authority would be composed of five members to be appointed by the Governor for five-year terms with compensation of $50 a day up to a $5000 annual maximum.

PLAN WIDE CONTROL

The new port authority would have jurisdiction over all property in the Port of Boston, including the area west of a line from Port Allerton, Hull, to Point Shirley, with exception of the Logan International Airport.

It would have authority to appoint a director and set his salary; to regulate all commerce and industry within the Port of Boston, and to lease, buy or construct piers and other necessary facilities necessary to development of the port.

The Port Authority would also have the power to advertise the port and solicit business.

PRESENTED BILL

The bill, filed for the committee by Peter Jordan (R.) and Patrick J. McDonough (D.), was presented at the State House by Jay R. Benton, chairman of the Greater Boston Development Committee, Jarvis Hunt, legislative representative of the committee, Charles Francis Adams, treasurer, and John J. DelMonte, Maynard L. Harris, Daniel J. Lyne and Thomas A. Pappas, members of the executive committee.

4—Boston American, Jan. 11

Port Bill Seen Set For Speedy Action

With business, labor and political leaders presenting a solid front, speedy passage was forecast in the Legislature today for the new port bill which would establish a powerful Boston Port Authority and give them $15,000,000 to put the Hub back into Big Business.

Members of the House and Senate announced they had rolled up their sleeves and were ready to go to work, while business leaders of the city promised action instead of long, windy speeches.

The bill, filed in behalf of the Greater Boston Development Committee, would empower the new authority to take complete charge of the port from Hull to Winthrop, authorizing members to replace old docks with the most modern facilities.

In dramatizing the action, members of the committee and members of both branches of the Legislature went to the Hall of Flags and shook hands all around. They promised that New York and other booming Atlantic ports at last were going to get a run for their money.

The bill would abolish the present Port Authority, an organization which is empowered only to make recommendations and create a real group of five members who would be paid $50 a day when they worked on port business. The first members would be appointed for one, two, three, four and five-year terms so that re-appointments for five-year terms would come in each of the next five years. Appointments would be made by the Governor.

Head man in the setup would be a director, whose salary would be at as big a figure as members feel he is worth.

He must, in the words of the bill, be "a man who does not know the word failure and has no tag attached to him."

The bill is based on the New York Port Authority which has almost cornered Atlantic sea trade and means that new docks will be constructed at once in South Boston and Charlestown.

Sen. Harris W. Richardson of Winchester is sponsor of the bill in the Senate, while Reps. Patrick J. McDonough of South Boston and Peter Jordan of Revere are its champions in the House. Boston business and labor both are represented in the drive for speedy passage.

Boston Traveler
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From Planning to Action

A group of Bostonians under the leadership of Jay R Benton, former attorney-general and president of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, has formed the Greater Boston Development Committee. Their avowed purpose is to translate the best part of all the recent planning for Greater Boston into action.

The roster of the committee is almost synonymous with the roster of Boston business and Boston industry. It contains as well religious leaders and men prominent in all aspects of civic life.

If any group is to achieve the Better Boston for which we are planning, it is this. They have the power and the motive and both power and motive are strengthened when they thus band for united action. They may be sure that the entire metropolitan area will support their efforts from which it stands to derive inestimable gains..

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A GREATER BOSTON

A breed tough enough to have endured 300 years of New England ought to have what it takes to survive. Organization of a community of action for the development of Boston suggests that they have. To bring about a united front of 147 influential citizens, representing almost as many interests in the community and bent upon insuring the destiny of the city, is itself a heartening symptom of vitality. It shows that the objective one member offers, "to dispel the Boston state of mind," is pretty well advanced. The Greater Boston Development committee proposes a program to make Boston a better city in which to live and do business. It intends to put first things first. It is, in giving its first effort to securing the needed facilities to make Boston Harbor a port capable of serving as the main channel of trade for New England.

The committee means to find the answers to the strengthening of this city as the regional capital of New England. Much depends on the caliber of man secured as executive director. He must have the capacity to organize a program and to lead it. His efforts will have adequate support, both financial and moral. The names on the committee insure that. "Everybody is in it," says Chairman Jay R. Benton, and he has a right to say it. It is inclusive—Gov. Tobin and Archbishop Cushing, business and professions, regional heads of C. I. O. and A. F. of L. It embraces the interests that make the community. Its undertakings are bound to be of so large a common denominator as serve all and meet a proven need. Port and airport, traffic, transportation, housing—these announced projects are basic to the development of the whole area.

What is needed and intended is, first, an overall program, and the focusing of public attention to it, then step by step action to achieve it. The history of failures of Greater Boston movements has been that they were either grandiose in concept or sponsored by impractical people. These today are realistic people and they are making a practical start. They are the largest civic group ever put together in Boston, organized around a core of energetic men who want action and should know how to get it. They have influence and intend very properly to use it to see that the basic needs of this community are met.

It may not be out of order to call attention to what Gov. Tobin, who is one of them, said in his inaugural about our economic problems: "Success will depend, in large measure, upon the extent that the business community demonstrate their faith in the private property order and in Massachusetts and New England. Our purpose will be to encourage venture capital to undertake new enterprises. . . . The preservation of an economy where the profit motive is recognized is not by any means the sole responsibility of government. It requires the active and courageous initiative of those who are the chief beneficiaries of its continuance."

The leaders of this committee would not mind being described as among those beneficiaries, and they are taking steps for the continuance of a prosperous commercial center as the foundation of our community life.

The use of "Greater Boston" in their name recognizes what the Governor has described as "the importance of a unified program for a natural community of city and suburbs." Most of the group have their business in Boston and residence in the suburbs. This sufficiently demonstrates the common stake of city and suburb in the destiny of the metropolitan area. Of course, the relation is larger than that. Boston is the nerve center of the organic community of New England and reflects the health of the whole. When textiles left Manchester, N. H., and Brockton's shoe industry declined, property valuations in Boston soon shrank. Ralph Flanders of Vermont and of this committee has been telling Maine and Vermont that the Port of Boston is vital to them. These relationships we do well not to forget and also the economic basis of the whole culture of this area. This committee have not forgotten and they must remind us as often and as sharply as necessary for their purpose, which is a sound future for this area.

UNCLE DUDLEY.

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David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

11 Jan. '45

Dear Mom & Dad,

Good news! I'll be up and released from the hospital in a week or so. My color is normal once again – have to stick around here for a special diet, blood tests etc.

One V-mail, from Jeanne, has been my only mail since the last big batch.

Life here in the hospital runs on pretty much the same day after day. I have done a lot of reading. The Red Cross is very active here, Mom. Each day, the gals come around with books, writing paper etc. and chat with the patients for a while.

When I get back to the base my orders will probably be held up for several days. If so, I'll most likely go down to London for one last look.

I'll be seeing you — in about five weeks, I hope!

Much love to all,
Dave

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Keep the muffler and mittens on tight because the weatherman cooly predicted even colder tonight than the official four above registered in Boston today. "The lowest city temperature in the city will be about two above but in most suburbs it will range from five to fifteen degrees BELOW," the weather bureau announced.

Thursday, January 11th 1945

Another Cold day. For breakfast orange juice - wheat germ - Fried Filet of Sole. Toast - Iced Coffee. To Town all the way on the cars - Office - work all morning. E. O'Ber Pride was over to line up my federal income tax return - left at 11.30 and by car out to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital to call on mother - she can go home now - but is waiting for the zero weather to end. Cars back to Boylston St - to Steuben's - Met Everett Lane - Lunch - Had a Veal Chop - Green Peas - Roll - Coffee - Tangerine. To Jordan's to get the pictures of Nicholas' Party last Saturday evening. Office. Came Andrew Lane to confer on Groton matters - Hodgkinson called - Over to see Charles Francis Adams at the State Street Trust Co - also had a talk with Ralph Eastman. Back to the office - Work - left at 4.45 with Moody Mansfield & Leary - to Allston. A stop at Griffin's - then home - Little Living Room -

Girls out, Frances. Frances cooking - Soup. Sirloin Steak - French Fried Potatoes - Mushrooms - Rolls - Milk - Orange Jelly.

Nicholas telephoned from Fort Devens - he talked with us all - He was in grand spirits - He may be leaving tomorrow for another Camp.

Leaving Devens Cuts Last Link From Home

By PVT JOHN W. RILEY

CAMP BLANDING, Fla., Jan. 10—During our last days at the Fort Devens Reception Center the scuttlebutt (rumor) flew thick and fast. It was concerned chiefly with speculations on the training center to which we would be sent. And believe it or not, the most persistent of those rumors turned out true. We did have a trip to a "warmer climate."

We awoke one morning to find our names listed on the bulletin board with instructions to report for roll call with all our equipment. From the time we reported until the time the train began to move late in the afternoon, we were counted and recounted, checked and double-checked at least half a dozen times. Our clothes and equipment were checked, piece by piece.

Finally we reached the main train shed, where we were divided into groups of about 35—each group to fill a Pullman or troop car. We were given an opportunity to buy candy and cigarettes. And the last thing before we marched out to the train we were given a good-humored lecture by a first lieutenant.

He joked and laughed with us. He knew there were hard days ahead of us; we knew too and at least he sent us off in good spirits. We appreciated his understanding and lightness. First he pointed out the very strict train rules set up only for our own safety and comfort.

But when he launched into a spiel about train rides, I figured he must have come from "up-country." He made a special point to get in a few sly digs at the New Hampshire and Maine boys among us. "You fellows from the mountains who have seen smoke in the valley, and wondered what it was, will have a chance to find out about trains. Some of you have always wanted to take a long Pullman ride. Well, you're going to get it," he said. "And others of you who have ridden on Pullmans before have probably wanted to do it free just once. Here's your chance, because you will have a nice long ride. Only you won't know where you are going."

Then we were called to attention. The band swung into a march and we moved swiftly out of the shed and up to the train. This was the final separation from home: So the brisk, martial music seemed to tell us. Yet it gave us heart and a feeling of belonging to something pretty big, despite the lumps in our throats.

Friday, January 12th. 1945

Up at the regular time - for breakfast. Orange juice - Wheat germ - dropped egg on toast - iced coffee. To the Square with Frances Subway - office - work. Over financial figures with Everett Lane. Out to lunch with him at 12.30. to ~~Steuben's~~ the Hotel Avery - Fish Chowder. Dropped Egg on Corn Beef Hash - Roll - Coffee - Tangerine - Back to the office - from 2.10 on a great string of people in to confer with me. Left at 3.30 - cars out to the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital. Mother was able to come home today. Hannah was there and the de luxe Belmont Ambulance came in to get her - so out to 11. Oak Avenue we rode with the siren going. A nurse came out with us to attend to the unpacking and settling Mother for the night. I back to the house at 5.15 - Frances having a sniffly cold went up to bed early. - Mary went in town to have dinner with a group of Army wives at the Latin Quarter - John and I had dinner together - I saw Babbie - to bed at 7 - later

Everett Lane called to say that the fluoroscope report on his wife did not turn out so well. He was much disturbed -

Saturday, January 13th 1945

A V. mail letter came from David this morning telling us he is laid up in a hospital in England with yellow jaundice - what a tough break - we are heart broken -

Woke up in the very early hours this morning and so reading until breakfast time - Orange juice - wheat germ - chopped eggs on toast - Iced Coffee. Read papers - resting for two weeks - Up for luncheon - at 2 walked up to 39 Horne road to attend the funeral of Bertram J. Keever - a boyhood pal of mine in Waverley Village - memories - the prize fight in Ahearn's Barn - football on the Town Field.
Later to call on mother at 11 Oak Avenue - then home. Dinner and to bed.
John & Mary down to the Harlows at the Hotel Commander - home at 3.30 A.M.

Sunday, January 14th 1945 X

More snow today - Jane brought up breakfast - orange - corn flakes - Hamburg Patty + Baked Beans - Toast ked Coffee + Up at 9. Laid fires etc - At 11.30 came Alden Brett - 2 Secys and Arthur Egan Photographer to take pictures in connection with next Thursday's meeting of the Committee for Economic Development - At 12.45 I walked over to 11 Oak Avenue to see Mother + A cold sunny day - Back to the house - Little Living Room - Dinner - Roast Pork - Rested all the afternoon - Snack Supper - Chow Mein - Milk - Fruit. Radio from 7 on +

Sunday

Dear Dolphie –

Jan 15-1945

Well, here I am in the south and what ideal weather – and the sunny still goes very well for me indeed – have nothing to [illegible] about YET. Denver was too cold and I had to wear plenty clothes but the south has wonderful both of these [illegible] as I understand it from here – will be [illegible] anyway and I can go swimming and to the theater etc. there – Florida – this season is just like [illegible] – Warm in the day time and cool in the evening – I would appreciate it if you'd send me the Herald each day and a half pound of [illegible] fudge each week – and then I'd be completely satisfied. I may [illegible] each month to the bank for me – perhaps in another name – anyway be sure to put them in the bank for me – I'll need them later. Have been wondering [illegible] theater [illegible] here to the house and [illegible] and they go to me [illegible] don't change address [illegible] [illegible] may be [illegible] before [illegible] [illegible]

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Stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., is **Pvt. NICHOLAS BENTON**, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Benton of 3 Pequossette road, a former student at Exeter. He has two other brothers in the service: **Sgt. PETER BENTON** with the Marines now, on maneuvers in the Mohave Desert, and **Lt. DAVID BENTON** with the AAF and now in England.

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THE BOSTON DAILY GLOBE—MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 1945

PLANNING FOR LUNCHEON—Jay R. Benton (left) and Alden C. Brett scan acceptances to the first "get-together" luncheon of the Greater Boston Committee for Economic Development Thursday at the Copley-Plaza.

Boost Boston Groups to Meet Thursday

The first large scale get-together of Greater Boston's business, industrial and civic leaders now planning for a greater post-war Boston will meet at a luncheon at the Copley Plaza Hotel Thursday under the auspices of the Greater Boston Committee for Economic Development.

The entire membership of the Greater Boston Development Committee, the Boston Looks Ahead Committee, and the Committee on Commercial and Industrial Affairs of the Boston Chamber of Commerce have been invited to attend.

C. Scott Fletcher of New York, national director of the Committee for Economic Development, will outline the challenge and opportunities which confront Greater Boston in its proposed expansion program.

Other speakers will include Jay R. Benton and William Roger Greeley. Arrangements are in charge of Alden C. Brett, treasurer of Hood Rubber Company.

Ex-Mass. National Guard Outfit Sets Firing Record

By ANDREW TULLY

(Traveler Staff Correspondent)

OSTON, TRAVELER, MON

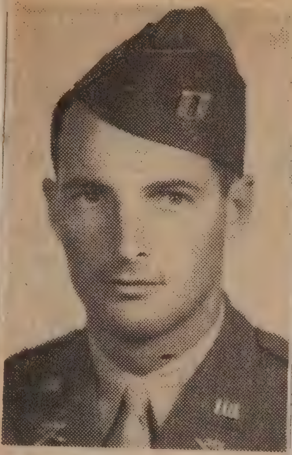
WITH THE SIXTH ARMORED IVISION IN BELGIUM, Jan. 15—e young lieutenant was from lifornia. "Sure, sure," he said ard. "this outfit's lousy with assachusetts men. I'm beginning feel like a Boston baked bean er hanging around with them all s time."

The outfit is the 212th Armored ld Artillery Battalion of the th Armored, and the lieutenant right about the preponderance Ba Staters on its roster. Walk- into the battalion area was like ending a convention of the oday for the Old Bay State wder and Marching Club." For 212th, now setting firing rec- on the Bastogne front, is a sachusetts National Guard out- whose forerunning organizations back to 1638.

ior to its present operations the Bastogne area, the unit manded by Lt.-Col. Phil Pope of hington, D. C., had fired a high 700 rounds in one day. But the wiped that figure off the board other 24 hours by firing 3100 ds fro mits self-propelled guns. other battalion record has set for total rounds leveled he enemy in a six-day period. ng that time, the Joes from ern Massachusetts expended rounds a day, involving the fic supply problem of bringing many full two and one-quarter ucks with trailers to the fir- batteries every 24 hours, ugh snow-choked roads and ing weather.

ttery A and Headquarters Bat- of the battalion are composed ly of New Bedford men. Bat- B is a Brockton outfit and her battery is from Taunton, latter city claiming the dis- ion of fostering the 1638 grand- y of the battalion—the outfit n then as Capt. William e's company. Give the guys a chance—or even a quarter—they'll drag out ancient records ng the organization took part e Revolutionary war, War of Civil War, Spanish-American and World War I.

e man who directed the 212th's ations during its record-break- expenditure of shells is Maj. Menges of West Roxbury, op- ons officer, one of whose assist- is Tech. Sgt. Johnny Connolly oxbury. And over in another on of the headquarters staff bump into Staff Sgt. Everett off of Fall River, a Harvard School graduate. Sgt. Dashoff you over to the communica- section to meet 1st Lt. Arthur rick of Arlington and Tech. Joe Keefe of Fall River.



Capt. WINTHROP S. JAMESON, Jr.
Belmont

Also among the local men that Tully interviewed was Capt. Winthrop Jameson, Jr., husband of Mary Benton Jameson of 3 Pequoset road, Belmont. The son of Mrs. Winthrop Jameson, Sr., of Weston, he has been in the Army for more than four years. A 1939 graduate of Harvard, he was formerly an instructor at St. George's School, Belmont.

A former football star at Harvard, Capt. Winthrop Jameson of Belmont commands Battery A. Headquarters Battery is commanded by Capt. Paul Graham of Somerville, while Capt. Lawrence Greene of Allston is in command of service battery.

Walking through six inches of snow to A Battery to meet the men behind the guns—seven self-propelled 105 howitzers—gives you a chance to decorate your notebook like a city directory. They've been in action constantly since July 27 when the Sixth Armored made the breakthrough more.

THEY'D LIKE TO GO HOME

In Normandy, they traveled to Brest on a 250-mile 10-day drive, and later whipped over to the Westwall for further operations. They'd like to go home now, but they know they can't so they're working like hell to avoid thinking about it too much.

You find Sgt. Bill McCarthy of New Bedford checking on the ammunition supply and pretty soon the boys see a guy writing in a notebook and flock over. Cpl. Joe Quirk of Fairhaven takes a little time out to toss a well-packed, but poorly-aimed snowball, at the figure of Pvt. Joe Gallant of New Bedford, an ammunition carrier. Then 1st Sgt. Jerome Cura of South Boston comes bustling over to find out if Cpl. Frank Hart of Westfield is back with the battery commander's Jeep. He isn't.

All this time the howitzers are banging away and the busiest man in this busy scene is Cpl. Tommy Lavin of Lawrence, battery recorder, who checks the operations like a mother sending a kid off to school for the first time. After a while somebody yells "Hey, food." And up comes the chow wagon with piping hot rations, escorted proudly by Mess Sgt. Ronald Winstenley of New Bedford, Sgt. Henry Zeitler of New Bedford, first cook, and Pfc. Frank Keenan of South Boston. They kid the motor sergeant, Joe Osborne of New Bedford, about his big appetite and he grins and gives the usual line about "You guys who don't have to work for a living."

And that's the 212th Armored Field Artillery Battalion of the Sixth Armored Division—at work and at play. A slightly hot outfit, they call it up around here.

Jan. 15 -

Dear Frances -

First of all thank you so much for the adorable handkerchief - it is about the prettiest one I own and I just love it. When I tell you all that has happened in the last month I'm sure you will forgive this delay in writing. On the Friday before Christmas Chester and I left for Georgia to be with Fred Julia and the children (whom we had not seen in over two years) for a week - we had a most wonderful time and lived in a constant whirl of parties from the

minute we arrived. Before we left home Chester had rather a small eruption on his face and had two shots of serum for it - it continued to get worse and by the time we got home (Sat. before New Years) it had spread terribly - the doctor insisted on the hospital the minute he saw him and he has been there two weeks - has 3 nurses and has had a million units of penicillin which has helped, I guess, but has not cured the trouble. Last week he was in terrible shape - his face and ears about twice normal size, but today there is some improvement and the sedations they are insisting upon have relaxed him completely.

I was knocked cold with intestinal flu a few days after he went in but am all right again as Fred is in town now and I can stay home part of the time. Fred had a chance to apply for "inactive duty" (as did all men his age, so is now out of uniform and back into his business.

It is Hell for us once more and especially ~~so~~ for Chester as he was very busy with many important things. They have not told me how long they think the siege will be and I think the doctors are much puzzled tho they still feel it is a bacteria allergy due to his bad tonsils.

He is in Roosevelt Hosp. this time, so is a bit nearer home which is a help. When is Jeanne's baby due and are you coming over? I have read of your dreadful weather which we are having a taste of right now.

Let me know how you all are and if any of your boys were with you over the holidays. I will drop you a card soon to tell you how Chester is getting on. I have loved your good stories - keep them coming but better still come to N.Y. with Jay and cheer me up.

Love to the whole family and again many thanks.

Fondly Elsie.

Marion Hiel (Nea) was here few weeks ago - she is a beautiful girl & [illegible]

This is the last day—unless you want to be late and be penalized—to pay the fourth installment of the 1944 estimated income tax for 1944. This is the tax payment which was originally due on Dec. 15, 1944, and which was extended to Jan. 15 to make it correct.

The 1944 income tax returns are due as usual on March 15.

Monday, January 15th 1945

Up a bit early and for breakfast - orange juice - wheat germ - fried eggs + Bacon - Toast - Iced Coffee. Frances went into Red Cross later - so I to Town all the way on the cars + Office and work all morning - out at 12.20. Walked out to Steubens - Everett Lane not in today - his wife being ill - For lunch - Consommé Roast Leg of Veal. Noodles - Carrots - Roll - Coffee. Tangerine - Back to the Office - to the Western Union to send a cable to David. Office - Work - Left at 4.45 - Mailed my last payment on 1944 Federal Income Tax. With Moody & Mayfield - to Allston and then to Cushing Square. Bought stamps - A Valentine for David & a Birthday card for Jake Bitzer, old friend in the Legislature - 80 years old tomorrow + to Bensteins but John had got my suit. Home. Little Living Room - Dinner - Soup - Cold Cuts - Mashed Potato - Gravy - Carrots - Rolls, Lettuce - Milk - a little apple Pie - Cheese - Upstairs at 7.10 +

Northeast Blizzard

The third snowstorm in 10 days, which will leave a 6-inch deposit in Boston before it ends some time in the middle of this evening, swept over the whole northeastern section of the country today.

Snow started falling in Boston around 7 o'clock this morning, continuing throughout the day, driven by strong winds. Lowest temperatures to night in Boston will be around 16 above zero.

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Tuesday, January 16th 1945

Up at 7.45 - Breakfast - orange juice - oatmeal - Dropped egg on corn beef hash - Toast - iced coffee. Frances did not go into Red Cross until later - so I to Town all the way on the cars - A real blizzard this morning and it continued all day. Office - Work - to the Knockers Club at 12.45 + Finnan Haddie Sliced Tomatoes - Roll - Milk - Tangerine - Back to the office - Real Estate - out in the blizzard - Subway to the Art Museum - attended fast the opening of the exhibition "Boston Looks to the Future" + Office again to 5.30. Then out into the storm again. to the Exeter St movie for a half hour then to the Algonquin Club - attended the dinner of the Commercial Club + sat at the head table - Home all the way - on the cars - To Bed at 11 -

Mary went over to New York on the seven o'clock train tonight - to stay at the Waldorf Astoria until Sunday with her friend Sally Page -

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January 9, 1945

Mr. Jay R. Benton
Chairman, Greater Boston Development Committee
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the General Committee of the "Greater Boston Looks Ahead" Exhibition, we most cordially invite you to attend the Reception at the opening of the Exhibition at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, on Tuesday, January 16th, from three to five o'clock.

We are aware of your broad interest and influence in matters connected with the Boston area and believe that you will find the Exhibition constructively suggestive of future developments of importance to the region.

It will give us pleasure if you can attend the reception.

Very truly yours,

The Reception Committee

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THE COMMERCIAL CLUB OF BOSTON
THE MERCHANTS CLUB

January 4, 1945

The next meeting will be held at the Algonquin Club

Tuesday Evening, January 16th,

at 6:30 o'clock.

For the duration, Business Dress.

Our guest speaker will be Mr. Richard Parkhurst, Chairman of the Boston Port Authority, now on leave of absence to the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs in Washington.

It has been said, "Now, in the war lull of private shipping, is the time for action for the future of this Port. IT is entitled to the fullest public interest and support. The answers that are found or fumbled in a short period after the war may easily determine the prosperity of this city and of much of New England for a long time to come.

The problems are many and their favorable solution calls for more energy, enterprise, interest and cooperation than has been devoted to this Port in the years since the first World War.

Mr. Parkhurst knows his subject thoroughly and knows how to expound it.

We know you will want to hear of the "Port of Boston."

President Henry J. Nichols will preside.

The guest charge is $7.50.

An early reply on the enclosed postal card will be appreciated.

Often our dinners are delayed because members come who have not given us notice. Please telephone the Algonquin Club, COMmonwealth 2400 before 5:00 o'clock on the afternoon of the dinner of any change in your plans.

By order of the President,
Stoughton Bell,
Secretary.

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January 16, 1945

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January 13, 1945

Mr. Jay R. Benton
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.
160 Congress St.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Jay:

Hope to see you at the Massachusetts meeting. We are arriving Tuesday evening January 16th, and are staying at the Bradford.

Sincerely yours,

Dana H. Lee

Jan. 17, 1945

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THE BOSTON HERALD, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1945.

IS ATTORNEY-GENERALSHIP HEXED?

By W. E. MULLINS

The office of attorney-general has become notorious as the graveyard of ambitious politicians who have undertaken to use it as an entrance to the governorship. At high noon today Robert T. Bushnell will join the long list of attorneys-general who tried it and failed.

Paul A. Dever, Joseph E. Warner, Arthur K. Reading, J. Weston Allen and Albert E. Pillsbury were the more prominent among his predecessors to reach the climax bitterly disappointed. No man who quit the office subsequently accomplished anything in public life beyond the superior court bench or the public utilities commission.

ONLY TWO SUCCEEDED

Only two attorneys-general have held the governorship and they did it so long ago that their names and reputations are pretty much obscured today. They were James Sullivan, who was Governor in 1808, and John Henry Clifford, who served as Governor in 1854.

It may be that the office has been hexed ever since its first occupant—Anthony Checkley—engaged in the infamous witch hanging prosecutions in Salem way back there in the 17th century before we had a constitution and a Governor's office on Beacon Hill.

The last man to quit the attorney-general's office happy and at peace with the world was Jay R. Benton. When he was elected to his second term he announced publicly that with the end of his term he proposed to return to the private practice of law and now he is a prosperous president of an insurance company with no idea ever of seeking any office beyond that of moderator of his home town.

HAD BRIGHT PROSPECTS

Mr. Bushnell's retirement into the limbo which is the abode of former attorneys general probably is fully as depressing as that of any of his predecessors because four years ago his prospects of being one of the most conspicuous men in this commonwealth were so bright. It seemed as certain as anything in politics can be that he would be Governor.

He tried to be the conscience of a community which has a conscience and so he'll probably be a pretty lonesome and chagrined guy this noon as he sheds the responsibilities of office in favor of a successor whom he never has liked and leaves behind him one of his proteges as lieutenant-governor. Lt. Gov. Bradford probably would be the first to concede that Bushnell did more than any other one man to make him district attorney of Middlesex County six years ago.

ALWAYS STORMY PETREL

Bushnell was always a stormy petrel. Back in his early days as an assistant prosecutor in Middlesex he became noted for the fury and intensity of his prosecutions and when he became district attorney later he made his county a no man's land for criminals. It was worth your life to be caught anywhere in the county with a gun.

Two years ago today he refused to be sworn in by Gov. Saltonstall at the hour that had been set for the ceremony and when he finally did take the oath it was after he had thrown his Sunday punch at the Governor because of his failure to appoint to the bench a man who had been recommended by Bushnell. From that moment on his standing deteriorated and there'll be no 10,000 Republicans on Beacon street this noon waiting to welcome him back into private life.

REPORT DELAYED

Bushnell's long-awaited annual report, meanwhile, will not be filed for a couple of weeks. He explained yesterday that the printer would not have it ready until that time. It must be lengthy because he sent it to the printer two weeks ago.

After Gov. Tobin swears in Clarence A. Barnes as attorney general this noon first real trouble with the executive council will begin on his first appointment to office. Last week he nominated John Loudon to succeed Joseph S. Mitchell as secretary to the executive council. Mitchell is only the third man to hold this position since 1884 because of the custom to retain the incumbent.

Two Democratic councillors yesterday assured the four Republicans in the council that they would refuse to vote to confirm Loudon's nomination and if they carry out this threat it will mean that Mr. Tobin's first appointment to the public service will be turned down.

Four Bay State Officials Sworn In

By a Staff Photographer

Governor Tobin Administers Oath of Office to Constitutional Officers

Taking their oaths of office from the Governor (left) are Frederic W. Cook, entering his 13th consecutive term as Secretary of State; John E. Hurley, new State Treasurer; Thomas H. Buckley, beginning his third term as State Auditor, and Clarence A. Barnes, new Attorney General.

CANDID-ATES

BY EDWIN F. COLLINS

Clarence Alfred Barnes, Republican candidate for Attorney General, is in this campaign reiterating his irrepressible determination to be the state's chief law officer.

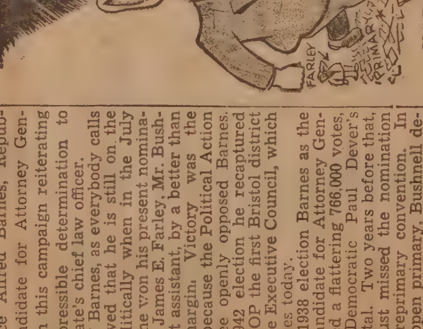
"Clare" Barnes, as everybody calls him, proved that he is still on the beam politically when in the July primary he won his present nomination over James E. Farley, Mr. Bushnell's first assistant, by a better than 2-to-1 margin. Victory was the sweeter because the Political Action Committee openly opposed Barnes. In the 1942 election he recaptured for the GOP the first Bristol district seat in the Executive Council, which he occupies today.

In the 1938 election Barnes as the party's candidate for Attorney General polled a flattering 766,000 votes, against Democratic Paul Dever's 911,000 total. Two years before that, Barnes just missed the nomination in the preprimary convention. In the 1940 open primary, Bushnell defeated him for the nomination, as had Joseph E. Warner (now of the Superior Court bench), at Barnes' first try for the nomination in 1928.

Barnes won an oblique victory when he sponsored in the last legislative session on Beacon Hill three measures pertaining to labor organizations. One, outlawing the issuance of so-called "work permits," was enacted.

The Legislature rejected the other two bills—to prohibit labor organizations from contributing to political campaigns, and to force labor unions to file statements of annual income and expenditure.

Yale men of his period still hail him as "Home Run Barnes!" Graduated with the class of 1904, Barnes continued to play as a star outfielder on the 'varsity team through the two years it took him to earn his Law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CLARENCE A. BARNES

School degree. In the game with Harvard at Yale Field in 1906, big Barnes (with two out, and with two called strikes on him) walloped the ball for a homer, and snatched victory for old Eli. Walter Camp picked him for the All-America centerfield and captain that year, and the Red Sox made him offers.

Barnes was born in Brooklyn, Aug. 28, 1882, of Massachusetts ancestry. In 1906 he married Helen V. Long, and there were four children of this union. She died in 1915. In 1927 Barnes married Doreen Letitia Kane, and there were four children of this marriage. Barnes' first public office was as town moderator of Mansfield, and he served two terms as Representative, 1912-13.

Tomorrow: Francis E. Kelly

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

January 12, 1945

Mr. Jay R. Benton
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Co.,
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company will be held at the office of the Company, 160 Congress Stree, Boston, on

Wednesday, January 17, 1945 at 1:45 P. M.

Very truly yours,

ECMansfield
Secretary

ECM/rmc

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

FEBRUARY

MARCH

January 17, 1945

ject: PRESIDENT'S MONTHS

the Boston Mutual Field Force:

THIS IS IT - February and March for the eighth successive time will be ob-
rved by the Field as President's Months in honor of our President, Jay R. Benton.

It has become an annual occasion on which the Boston Mutual Field Force unites
a tribute to it's Chief Executive and, indirectly, to the Company itself. These
ths call for the greatest volume records of the year, and each year we strive to
eed the performances of all previous years.

It is expected that February and March of 1945 will continue our record of high
complishment in the President's Months, for in Jay R. Benton, we have a Chief Ex-
tive who is amply qualified to maintain the high quality of leadership as he has
tablished in the last eight years.

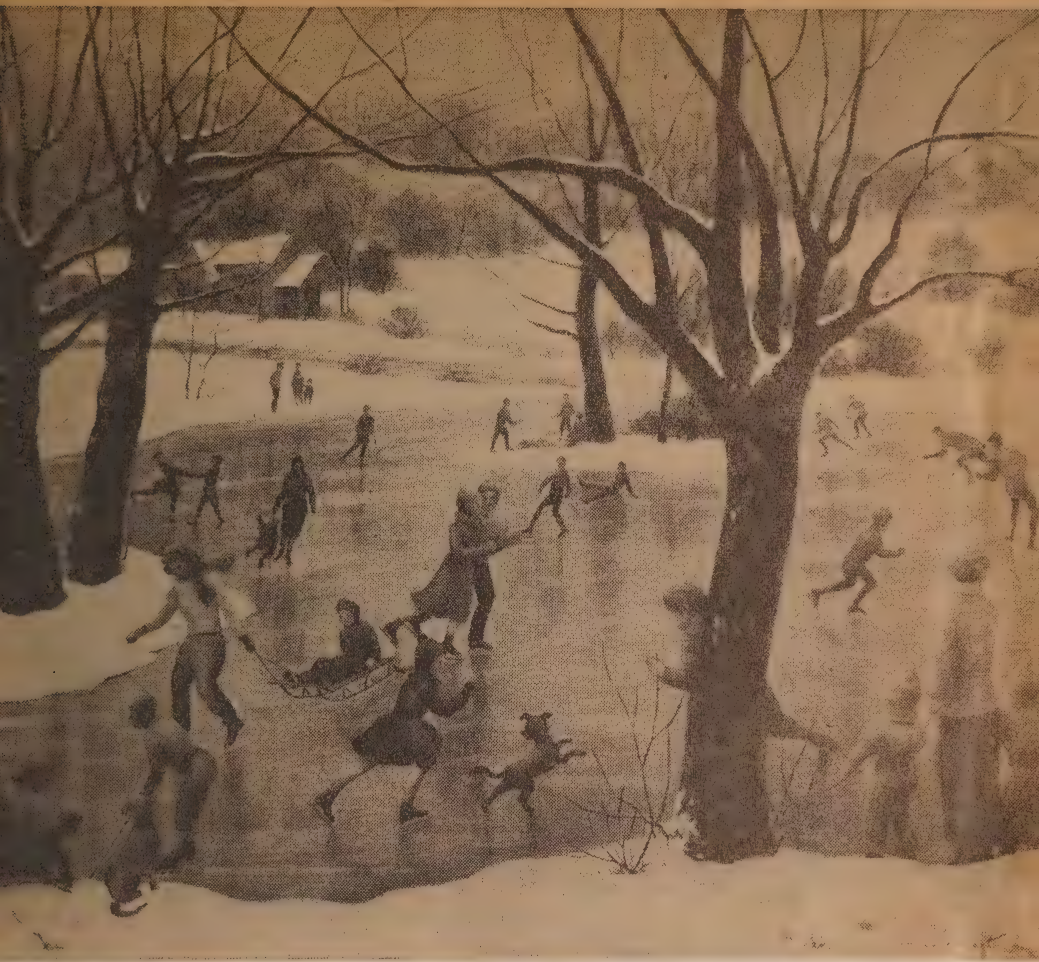
In addition to the incentives provided by the greatest possible tribute to
. Benton during the President's Months Campaign, there are other urges towards in-
eased efforts. For instance, the month of March brings to a close the first quar-
r of 1945, and every Superintendent will be desirous of completing his first quar-
r objectives. Every Assistant will be anxious to pile up his Ordinary towards his
dinary bonuses for the year. Individual Agents will be anxious to pile up their
dinary so that they will qualify for the $50,000 club.

We are sure that every Boston Mutual Field representative will cooperate in the
st effective manner possible in this 1945 President's Months Campaign, to the end
t Mr. Benton may be paid the tribute so richly due him following the completion
his eight years as OUR President.

Yours very truly,

W. H. Moody

Supt. of Agencies.



MEMORIES. The MILL POND - WAVERLEY - 1903

Snow Ends, Near Zero Tonight

Blanketed under an accumulation of 10 inches of snow from three severe storms within 10 days, Boston was due for near-zero temperatures tonight as the third storm gave way to clearing skies.

Wednesday, January 17th 1945

Up and shaving and dressing at 7.45 – for breakfast orange juice – oatmeal – Dropped egg on fish cake – baked Beans – Ketchup – Toast – Iced coffee – to Town all the way on the cars. Hard at work all morning – Everett Lane back to the office after being out since Friday due to his wife's illness. Out to lunch at 12.30 – to the Country Plate in the Little Building with Lane – Had Broiled Halibut – Rolls – Coffee – Tangerine – Back to the office – at 1.45 the Directors' meeting followed by a meeting of the Finance Committee. Left at 4.45 with Moody & Mansfield – to Allston – then home – Little Living Room. Called Dana Lee, Pres. of the Lancaster Fair at the Hotel Bradford. Dinner – and then to Bed for a long night's sleep.

All N. E. Settles Down to Clear, Cold Weather

All New England, its third snowfall in 10 days now a matter of memory, settled down today to some clear and cold weather.

In Boston, the Weather Bureau said, the temperature will drop to near 10 degrees tonight in downtown Boston and from zero to five in the interior suburbs.

NICHOLAS IS AT CAMP BLANDING. FLORIDA

Thursday, January 18th 1945

Up at the regular time—Orange juice—wheat germ—creamed salt codfish—Toast—Iced Coffee—To the Square with Frances—subway—Office working on speech—at 12.30—to the Copley Plaza—Spoke at the luncheon of the Boston Committee for Economic Development—seemed to go across in good shape. Cars Back to town—Office at 3. Work. Left at 4.45 with Moody & Mansfield—To Allston then home—Little Living Room. Girls out. Frances Cooking—Soup. Ham & Eggs. Country fried Potatoes. Peas. Rolls—Milk—Baked Apple—to Bed early.

First letter came from Nicholas today—He is at Camp Blanding in Florida +

THE PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY
EXETER NEW HAMPSHIRE

THE PRINCIPAL

January 18, 1945

Dear Jay:

Thank you very much indeed for letting me know about Nicholas. I am sorry that he could not finish his work here at Exeter.

I knew Nick quite well but as always in such a case as this I wish I had known him better. I hope he will have good luck, and I am sure he will.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lewis Perry

Jay R. Benton, Esquire
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
Boston, Massachusetts

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P.S. Our Christmas Fund, as you may know, is this year beating any previous record.

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18 Jan. '45

Dear Mom + Dad —

Per usual, there is nothing much new to report from this end. Hospital life provides very little to write about. I feel swell, full of energy and all set to go any-time they ~~[illegible]~~ decide to release me.

I have two more decorations which I forgot to tell you about. a [illegible] O.L.C. to my Air Medal for my last mission — and a Bronze Battle Star

1st Lt. **DAVID BENTON** of 3 Pequossette road, of the 8th Army Air Force, has been awarded a fifth Oak Leaf Cluster to his Air Medal, and a Bronze Battle Star for his E.T.O. ribbon given for his participation in the Airborne Invasion of Holland.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

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for my E.T.O. ribbon awarded for participation in the Airborne invasion of Holland.

Two V-mails from Frances made up my only recent mail.

Isn't the war news wonderful? The Russians are certainly doing their share towards ending this thing. The Pacific situation looks very promising too.

I should have another blood test tomorrow. A slightly high icterus count is the only thing holding me here now. Fingers x-ed.

Love to all,
Dave

18 Jan. '40

Dear Mom & Dad,

I tremendous batch of mail arrived this morning - plus cablegrams from both you & Tommie - and Mom's of the new picture! Quite a haul. I was kept busy all morning just reading the letters.

The picture of you Mom, is very young. I envy [illegible] [illegible] - young yet!

So Nick has been inducted?! Hope he doesn't mind his new life too

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mind. The first notice is apt to seem a bit rough especially to one of his temperament. I presume that he is in the Navy. If you send me his new address by v-mail I may be able to write to him before leaving England.

The Xmas snapshots are swell and bring such fond memories. Nick's jacket & tie look vaguely familiar — Ha!

This morning's mail included a letter from A. Van [illegible] of the Belmont Committee for Post War Action.

it included inspiration in
the R.I. bill of rights etc.
The organization seems to
be right "in the main" and
most anxious to enlarge the
existing [illegible].

Your two poems have no
[illegible] about as [illegible] a
manner. I couldn't get quite
"right"! tho' not [illegible] for about
the [illegible] [illegible] and
must [illegible] and [illegible] that
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be [illegible] a [illegible]

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My [illegible]! But don't worry — I'll be seeing you all soon.

[illegible] love to all,

P.S. [illegible] that [illegible]

P.P.S. [illegible]

AMERICAN RED CROSS

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HOOD RUBBER COMPANY
A DIVISION OF THE B. F. GOODRICH COMPANY
WATERTOWN 72, MASSACHUSETTS

January 8, 1945

Mr. Jay R. Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
160 Congress Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

Confirming my conversation with you, arrangements have been made for a luncheon meeting to be held in the Sheraton Room at the Copley Plaza Hotel at 12:30 P.M. on Thursday, January 18.

As I told you previously, it has been my thought as Chairman of the Boston Committee for Economic Development that the work of that Committee was necessarily temporary, that it should endeavor to stimulate postwar planning on the part of industry and commerce, and should also attempt to appraise the postwar employment situation in order that we might have advance notice as to the seriousness of our problem, and, if necessary, plan remedial measures to bridge us over the period of transition. This work has been done, and I believe the Committee has arrived at a point where its work can well be turned over to some permanent organization which will carry on. I hope that this permanent organization, the Greater Boston Development Committee, will continue the contact with the National Committee for Economic Development, as the research work of the National Committee, its publications, and planning patterns can undoubtedly be of great value to our local work.

From my own personal standpoint, if you could say a kind work for the Committee for Economic Development, I should appreciate it. However, I will leave this entirely to you.

I am sending you a copy of the notice which is going to some 300 citizens in Greater Boston who have been connected with C.E.D. or whoarein a position to make a contribution to the future development of the City. I believe this list will include most of the individuals on the General Committee of the Greater Boston Development Committee. I would expect that out of this group we might have 100 or more in attendance at the meeting.

There will be two speakers beside yourself, and for that reason it would seem to me that perhaps if you took about a half an hour to tell the story of the Greater Boston Development Committee this would be about right.

Roger Greeley will be present and will have something to say about the Boston Contest.

The third speaker will be Mr. C. Scott Fletcher, Director of the Field Developmen Division of the National C.E.D. In private life Mr. Fletcher is in charge of sales for the Studebaker Company. He has adynamic personality, has devoted most of his time during the past two years to the promotion of C.E.D. in the United States, and is better equipped than any one else I know to tell of the work which is going on in other cities.

I consider this an all-star cast, and I hope that the attendance at the meeting will reflect this appraisal.

HOOD RUBBER COMPANY
A DIVISION OF THE B. F. GOODRICH COMPANY
WATERTOWN 72, MASSACHUSETTS

January 13, 1945

Mr. Jay R. Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
160 Congress Street
Boston 10, Massachusetts

Dear Jay:

I have just looked over some of the acceptances for our Thursday meeting at the Copley Plaza, and it certainly is apparent that the affair is becoming one of major importance. We already have some seventy odd acceptances, and I think it is reasonable to expect that the actual attendance might be double that number.

When I first discussed this with you, we thought that this might be conducted as a sort of a family affair within the C.E.D., perhaps broadening it to include some of the members of the Development Committee group who are not C.E.D. members; but apparently the very great immediate interest in the subject, and,I think I can say and remain strictly truthful, the prominence of the speakers, seems to have pushed it into the front-page class.

I think we should all look at it from this standpoint, and my inclination is to ride with this current of interest, and, further than that, to stimulate it by giving it whatever publicity the newspapers will be willing to take.

I have to attend a meeting at State Street on Monday, and if you expect to be in the office about 10:30, I will plan to see you then, and we can discuss the matter more in detail.

Very truly yours,

Alden G. Pratt

Boston Get-Together

Anything that merely suggests "boosting" a town, such as is sometimes practiced in western communities, is generally supposed to be far below the dignity of cold roast Boston. The studied indifference which visitors from the region beyond the Mississippi often say they notice here may have a factual basis. Certain it is that Bostonians have not been noted for aggressive measures in furthering local material interests.

Apparently a change is coming. There is abundant recent evidence that many citizens are concerned about Boston's future. They are trying to combine in considering what the city needs and how it should be obtained. The evidence of this is seen in the newly organized Greater Boston Committee for Economic Development. The first large scale get-together of the business, industrial and civic leaders of this great metropolitan area is set for Thursday. It may rightfully be regarded as a long forward stride.

BOSTON COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HEADQUARTERS
BOSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
80 Federal Street, Boston 10, Mass.

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nes V. Toner
nes H. Walsh, *Secretary*

January 9, 1945

BOSTON'S FUTURE

Meeting called by the Greater Boston
Committee for Economic Development

For several months there has been in the making in Greater Boston a coordinated effort for its future development. This has culminated in the formation of the Greater Boston Development Committee, which will be announced in the papers at about the time you receive this invitation. This is undoubtedly one of the most important undertakings which has been initiated for many years.

On Thursday, January 18, at 12:30 p.m., a luncheon meeting will be held in the Sheraton Room at the Copley Plaza Hotel, at which the story will be told in detail. You are invited to attend this meeting. Luncheon charge $2.25.

JAY R. BENTON, President of the Greater Boston Development Committee, will tell the story of its formation, its makeup, the results it hopes to accomplish, and the methods it intends to use to accomplish these results.

W. ROGER GREELEY, Chairman of "The Boston Contest," will give you the results of this contest, will outline the suggestions contained in the plans submitted, and the methods which will be used to make these plans effective.

C. SCOTT FLETCHER, Director of the national Field Development Division of the Committee for Economic Development, will tell of the work which is being done in other large cities and will make practical suggestions as to the way in which the work in Boston may be carried on.

In asking for your attendance you are being invited to participate in building the future of Greater Boston, which can be anything we choose to make it. Please assure us now by returning the enclosed postal card that you will be present.

Alden C. Brett
ALDEN C. BRETT
Chairman, Boston Committee for Economic Development
Treasurer, Hood Rubber Company

Enclosure

C.E.D. LUNCHEON - THIS THURSDAY

Service at the Greater Boston Committee for Economic Development Luncheon, this Thursday, for which you have made reservation, will start promptly at 12:30, in order that speaking by Messrs. Benton, Greeley and Fletcher may begin at 1:15. Place: Sheraton Room, Copley Plaza. Entrance opposite newstand in main lobby. No tickets needed. ~~Payment at the door~~

Head table

Alden C. Brett, Chairman
Greater Boston C.E.D.

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Less Talk, More Action'—Bolster Port Authority First, Development Committee Told

By LOUIS M. LYONS

"Less talk and more action for oston" is his slogan for the Greater oston Development Committee, Jay . Benton, its chairman, told a ncheon group of 150 business men the Copley Plaza yesterday. Ben-n described the movement for a ronger Port Authority to rebuild oston docks as the first concrete fort of the committee.

He described for the first time to public meeting the origin of the mmittee in the discussions of a iall group convinced that the time d come for "a cooperative effort do something for Boston." The oup has expanded to 147 members. 1 executive director to lead the ogram is the immediate need of e organization, he said. An execu-'e committee of 29 has the function screening proposed plans to de-mine the line of action.

Support for the development of airport, Benton said, is next in e to the Port bill. Transportation, using, highway and industrial de-lopment and reform of the local structure for the relief of real ate are major projects of the nmittee.

ning Termed "Perfect"

Villiam Roger Greeley, chairman the recent Boston Contest, de-ibed the competition as the first apter in the movement to make ston a better place in which to e and do business. It had har-sted ideas, he said. The plans ich received top awards now are ing printed for distribution, Gree- announced.

To organize these ideas into action now the task of the Greater Bos- committee, he said. The largest k remains—to organize the whole mmunity in support of a program improvement.

"The timing is perfect," Greeley said. "No program was ever tried at a time so well calculated to bring success."

Alden Brett, treasurer of Hood Rubber Company and Boston chairman of the Committee for Economic Development, presiding, described Boston's shortcomings as "rotting wharves, congested traffic and blighted housing." He was all for criticism, from within or without, that pointed the local need. Boston's great advantages, among them the Charles River basin, Symphony Orchestra and East wind in Summer, are sufficient to justify a program to eliminate the shortcomings, he urged.

Job Mobilization Urged

C. Scott Fletcher, national chairman, Committee for Economic Development, said of the Greater Boston program, "What America most needs is a resurgence of community leadership. Without strong communities we won't have a strong America."

He described the program of the CED to get business men planning for the creation of more jobs after the war. "We must mobilize America for the third war—against unemployment," he said, estimating the need of 7,000,000 to 10,000,000 more jobs than in 1940 to make full employment after the war. More than 300,000 business men in 65,000 business concerns of 2200 cities are planning their extensions of postwar business to make more jobs, he said.

He described plans of committees in Philadelphia and Memphis. In Philadelphia labor and management forums had discovered new chances for increasing employment, he said. He emphasized the importance of small business, as "the seed bed of free enterprise. It must have a chance to grow, else we won't have big business."

The Committee for Economic Development is seeking the answer to secure "an economic climate conducive to business expansion," he said, urging the attention of business men be directed to a national tax plan, to the question of eventual removal of wartime controls and to problems of international trade and finance.

Alden Brett reported that Greater Boston members of the CED, about 200 manufacturers and business men, estimate postwar plans of their concerns will increase employment to 30 percent above the 1940 level.

Business Maps Postwar Jobs

CED Sees 10 Million More Than in 1940

By JOHN FENTON

Plans for postwar business expansion that will provide 7,000,000 to 10,000,000 more jobs than were available in 1940 were disclosed yesterday by C. Scott Fletcher, national director of the Committee on Economic Development.

Addressing a meeting of 150 Greater Boston business and industrial leaders at the Copley Plaza, Fletcher also revealed that 300,000 business men already are working out the details for a 30 to 45 per cent. business expansion over 1940, and issued a challenge to leaders and junior executives alike to tackle such problems as a national tax structure, the proper relaxation of government controls on business when the time comes and a sound international trade policy.

The meeting was sponsored by the Greater Boston Committee on Economic Development, under the chairmanship of Alden C. Brett, treasurer of the Hood Rubber Company. It was attended by representatives of the Greater Boston Development Committee, the Boston Contest Committee, the Boston Looks Ahead Committee and the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Purpose of the meeting was to present an expression of the cooperative ideals to which the various committees are pledged in the move to root out decadence in the industrial, municipal and cultural structure of Metropolitan Boston.

"Knowing full well that you cannot cut new jobs out of paper," said Fletcher, "and knowing, at the same time, that in a democracy you cannot provide jobs by means of some grand national plan, we began our program in the 'grass roots' of our economy—individual communities."

Explaining how the Philadelphia CED cut its 100,000 postwar job shortage outlook to 80,000 already through a re-survey that broke down its industry to 27 definite sections, Fletcher added, "we also found that small businesses, without which there can be no big business, were planning to increase their payrolls of from five to 10 persons to from 200 to 300.

Jay R. Benton, chairman of the Greater Boston Development Committee, outlined the work of that group, citing the $15,000,000 Port of Boston bill as an example of projects that would be backed by the organization.

He indicated the next project to be undertaken by the committee would be an airport bill that might be similar to the Port Bill; giving an airport director full authority to promote the airport and to stimulate business for it.

Postwar Rise Of 10,000,000 Jobs Forecast

By W. Clifford Harvey
Staff Writer of
The Christian Science Monitor

A 30 to 45 per cent expansion in business, calling for some 10,000,000 more jobs after the war than in 1940, was predicted by C. Scott Fletcher, National Director of the Committee for Economic Development, at a Copley Plaza meeting of some 150 Greater Boston business men, today, intent upon organizing for a united attack upon decadence and obsolescence throughout metropolitan Boston.

Warning that rude shocks on the recent military fronts had somewhat altered the perspective of postwar planning, Mr. Fletcher told the gathering that the war has brought to light the need for a rebirth of community unity to gain headway against the forces that are aimed at breaking down the financial structures of large cities.

He spoke at a conference called by the recently formed Greater Boston Development Committee, which has joined with other militant local groups in a full-scale offensive against the deterioration of Boston in the ranks of great American cities.

Economic Security

"The end of the second World War," declared Mr. Fletcher, "is going to throw us squarely into the middle of the third World War, which is a defense, not against military forces, but against economic insecurity. I believe this present war is cause for the mobilization of our energies, initiative and leadership here in Boston for the basic objectives of regional development."

"We cannot put aside the war while we blueprint a postwar world, but we can draw upon the seriousness of the war and its enormous costs to sharpen our approach toward improving the postwar world. Economic insecurity and unemployment will surely follow the present upheaval unless we plan to meet these conditions."

Mr. Fletcher declared that he was growing more and more convinced of the need for organization in large cities such as the Greater Boston Development Committee which has for its goal the leveling of high taxes, abolition of traffic congestion, bad housing and overlapping of governmental services. This group, Mr. Fletcher insisted, can play a decisive role in making Greater Boston a better place in which to live and work after the war.

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On Sound Basis

Henry P. Kendall, New England Chairman of the C. E. D., introduced Mr. Fletcher, and called for efficient modernization of the metropolitan region on a sound, business basis.

The conference was the first tangible effort to solidify the joint action of the Greater Boston Development Committee, Boston Looks Ahead Committee, the C. E. D., and the Committee on Commercial and Industrial Affairs of the Boston Chamber of Commerce.

Each of these groups, under its own initiative, has undertaken special projects, but all are working with mutual understanding and informal co-ordination up to this point toward common ends, declared Alden C. Brett, Greater Boston chairman of the C. E. D.

Speaking for the Boston Contest Committee, William R. Greeley, chairman, placed emphasis upon the need for vision, research and community co-operation for "a better metropolis." He warned against the common tendency to split into factions and work separately, although he said, he had seen nothing but co-operation between all the groups involved to date.

"It's a hard task we have set for ourselves," he added, "but the whistle has blown and we're on our way."

Mr. Greeley proposed the following procedure for reaping the harvest of co-operation and unity: (1) Gather all the ideas for development into one fold. (2) Separate the grain from the chaff. (3) Set up the machinery for harvesting the grain. (4) Try out the machinery on a test case. (5) Establish a testing laboratory or research department. (6) Put all the grain in one basket, and throw all the working groups behind it in unison.

Jay R. Benton, chairman of the Greater Boston committee, stated that Boston has created a broad, united front for the attack upon postwar degeneration. He said the first blow had already been struck in the program by the introduction of a $15,000,000 legislative program for development of the Port of Boston.

January 18, 1945

Mr. Francis W. Capper
Vice President
Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co.
100 Franklin Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Capper:

I return, with much thanks, the September 1895 issue of the Bradford, Vermont "United Opinion" which you kindly loaned to me. It was read with intense interest. J. H. Benton, Jr., was my father's cousin and practiced law in Boston for many years.

Sincerely yours,

Jay R Benton

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Enclosure

January 19, 1945

Boston Herald
80 Mason Street
Boston, 12, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly find enclosed check for $2.70 for 3 months' subscription to the Daily Herald to be mailed to:

Pvt. Nicholas Benton
#31439300
Co. B, 198 Bn., 62 Regt.
Camp Blanding, Florida

Yours very truly,

Amy P. Benton

JRB:BCC
Enclosure

January 19, 1945

Belmont Citizen
72 Trapelo Road
Belmont, 78, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly find enclosed my check for $2.50 for a year's subscription to be mailed to:

Pvt. Nicholas Benton
#31439300
Co. B, 198 Bn., 62 Regt.
Camp Blanding, Florida

Yours very truly,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC
Enclosure

January 19, 1945

Belmont Herald
5 Grove Street
Belmont, 78, Mass.

Gentlemen:

Kindly find enclosed my check for $2.00 for a year's subscription to be mailed to:

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#31439300
Co. B, 198 Bn., 62 Regt.
Camp Blanding, Florida

Yours very truly,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC
Enclosure

January 19, 1945

Mr. Benjamin F. Felt
140 Tremont Street
Boston, 11, Mass.

Dear Ben:

Your kind invitation to sit at the head table at the coming Middlesex Club dinner is accepted with much appreciation.

Sincerely,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC

January 19, 1945

David T. Montague, Esq.
1041 Tremont Building
73 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Montague: Re: Vermont Association

I will be glad to serve as chairman of the nominating committee.

Will you arrange for a meeting of the committee at your office?

With Best Personal Regards,

Jay R. Benton

JRB:BCC

BELMONT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Monthly Meeting of Trustees

Friday, January 19th at 5 P.M. at the Library

LUCY D. LUARD
Secretary

The First National Bank of Boston
Boston, Massachusetts

R. G. Emerson
Vice President

January 13, 1945

Mr. Jay R. Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

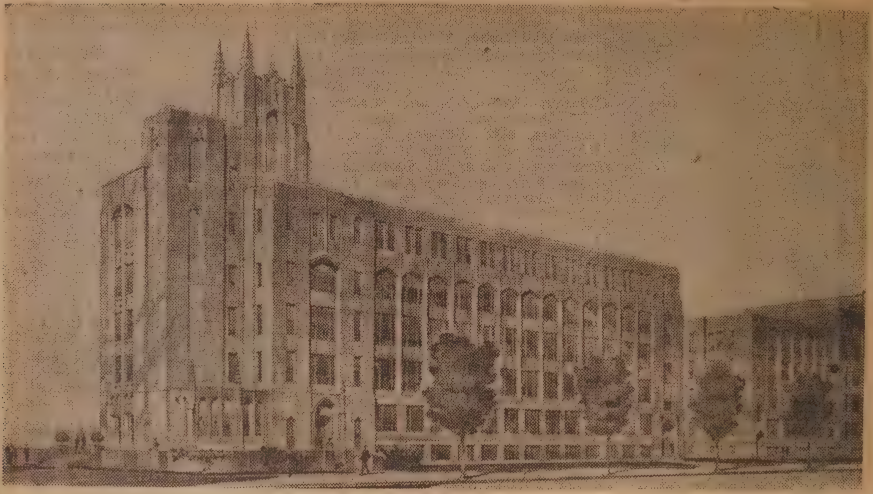
On Friday, January 19, at 12:45 o'clock at the Algonquin Club, I am giving a luncheon for Mr. Harvey D. Gibson, President of the Manufacturers Trust Company, New York City, in the interests of the Red Cross, and it will give me a great deal of pleasure if you can be present.

Mr. Gibson landed in this country on January 4 from abroad. He has been in England and France for the last year and a half for the American Red Cross as Commissioner to Western Europe. The whole purpose of the luncheon is to have Mr. Gibson give us first-hand information of what is happening abroad, which I know he can do most interestingly. He will speak entirely off the record.

Sincerely,

R G Emerson

$1,000,000 B. U. Campaign for New Liberal Arts Building



TO HOUSE B. U. COLLEGE LIBERAL ARTS—President Daniel L. Marsh announces a fund project to raise money for building on the B. U. campus.

Boston University announced today a fund campaign for $1,000,000 for the erection of a new College of Liberal Arts building on its Commonwealth-av. campus. College authorities hope to have the building started as soon as government restrictions permit.

The College of Liberal Arts, founded in 1873 is the oldest Boston University college. For the past 37 years it has been located at Boylston and Exeter sts., opposite the Hotel Lenox and according to B. U. trustees is long outmoded. At present 700 students are crowded into the department.

The proposed structure is to be of modern gothic architectural style and will be built on the Commonwealth-av. side of the university plot which extends from Commonwealth av. to Bay State road. It will be adjacent to the new Charles Hayden Memorial Building which houses the College of Business Administration.

Fund Chairman Ernest G. Howes, Boston leather merchant, said today: "B. U.'s College of Liberal Arts is forced to deny admission to an increasing number of applicants. National statistics show that when the war ends, the college may expect an increase of 100 percent—an annual enrollment of 1400. double the present capacities—in the number seeking admission."

The campaign will be conducted entirely by university trustees, alumni and administration and no outside fund-raising organization will be retained. Others heading the fund group are: Edward C. Stone, general manager of Employers Insurance Group and Alfred H. Avery, local industrialist; and Charles Francis Adams, fund treasurer.

Originally the College of Liberal Arts was started at 20 Beacon st., diagonally across from the State House, then was later moved to buildings at Somerset st. and Ashburton pl. and finally in 1908 to the Copley sq. section.

Architects' plans call for five floors, about 20 classrooms, 18 seminar rooms, adequate offices, library space, and other activities rooms. Laboratory facilities in science will be provided for in a separate science building to be financed from contributions raised by a group known as "Friends of Boston University."

January 15, 1945

Mr. R. G. Emerson
Vice President
First National Bank
of Boston
67 Milk Street
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Emerson:

I appreciate your courteous invitation to the luncheon for Mr. Gibson next Friday. A few days ago I promised to attend a luncheon to be given by President Marsh of Boston University, also at the Algonquin Club.

Therefore, I regret I cannot lunch with your group. I hope I may be able to get away so that I may hear Mr. Gibson's remarks.

Sincerely yours,

JRB:BCC

Development Units Rallied

Plans Gather Dust, Conference Is Told

In a fighting speech, in which he declared Boston was full of brilliant plans for the future, but that most of them were "resting discouraged in filing cabinets," Maynard Harris, one of the founders of the Greater Boston Development Committee, yesterday said the time was ripe for "everyone to scream to Heaven until the things needed are done to make this area a Class I field of opportunity."

"There is no dearth of plans or proposals," he said in an address to 250 attending the New England Community Development Conference, at the Hotel Statler, "but they are gathering dust, because no organized effort—determined, articulate, representative, and aroused—would get behind them."

"Those opposed to them would appear before legislative committees, but the great majority of people that would be benefited by them were unconcerned," he added.

PRELIMINARIES QUIET

Harris said it was for this reason that he and other members of the Boston Real Estate Board, of which he was chairman, decided to try to organize a completely representative body that could, by its weight and composition, get "some real action."

The Greater Boston Development Committee, with representatives of almost every interest in the community, was the result, he said.

The committee, he pointed out, purposely withheld announcement of its organization until it could act on some concrete proposal. Then, last week, it announced its existence and declared its support of the new port authority bill.

GROUP ENTHUSIASTIC

"There are many other tasks ahead—a first class airport, better handled traffic and transportation, decent and modern housing, an improved taxation system, and reclamation of decadent areas, to mention a few," Harris asserted, "and Boston will accomplish them, if the enthusiasm with which the committee has gone to work is any criterion."

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Office of the Fund
38 Boylston Street
Boston 16, Mass.

January 19, 1945

Mr. Jay R. Benton, President
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

President Marsh greatly appreciated your fine spirit of cooperation in agreeing to make calls on five corporations in the interest of our Building Fund campaign. He was particularly impressed with your immediate reaction in picking out the firms you wished to call on.

These have been duly assigned to you as follows:

Checker Taxi Company, Inc.
United Fruit Company
B B Chemical Company
Dewey & Almy Chemical Company
Gillette Safety Razor Company

I am enclosing our corporation records for these five firms as well as pledge cards made out for each one.

You have your other materials such as campaign booklets, the Businessman's Letter, etc.

You obviously do not need any letter of introduction from Mr. Allen or Mr. Adams. Good luck to you.

Very truly yours,

John S Perkins

John S. Perkins
Secretary of the Fund

Friday. January 19th 1945

Up betimes - orange juice - Dropped eggs on toast - Iced coffee. Started out to take the car at Oakley Road, when a neighbor came along and gave me a lift to Harvard Square. Subway. Office. Busy despatching all kinds of mail to Nicholas at Camp Blanding, Florida - Work to 11.45 - then a shine at Peter DeSimone's - the Subway to Copley Square - to the Algonquin Club. Attended small luncheon given by Dr. Marsh - President of Boston University - Over at 2 - Cars back. to Bailey's on West St. to buy a pound of Chocolate Fudge to send Nicholas. To Woolworth's for a large bottle of Mucilage. Office - Work. Left at 3.45 - Bus to the North Station + 4.20 train to Belmont - Attended trustees' meeting at the Belmont Public Library - Over at 5.45 - Had a ride home with Mr. + Mrs. Wm O. Curtis - Little Living Room - Dinner - Spiced Tomato Soup, Filet of Sole - Spawn - Potato - Peas + Milk - Liederkranz Cheese + Hard Crackers - Fruit. Frances called up Jeanne at Arlington, New Jersey. +

SNOWSTORM IS WEARING OUT

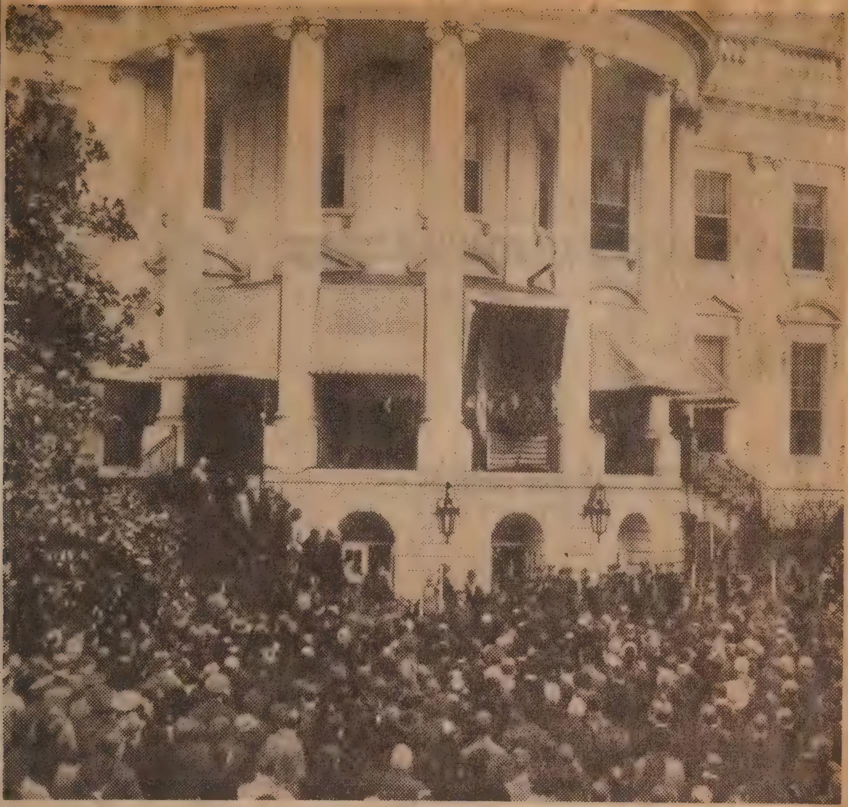
Fairly Mild Temperature Predicted Today

The snowstorm which was bound for New England, is being dissipated along the way, apparently, and if it gets here at all today, it probably will be light and intermittent, the weather bureau reported last night.

And while there is always a possibility the storm may reach southern New England and then move slowly northward, the weather map indicates that it well may be turned away before it can get here, it was stated. Also, for more comfort for suffering folks in this region which has had snow and bitter cold in generous proportions so far this winter, temperatures are due to remain relatively mild today and tomorrow, with today much like yesterday, and Sunday a mite colder, but not very much so.

Saturday, January 20th 1945x

My day started early at 4.30 A.M. with reading, clipping and pasting - Jane brought my breakfast up at 9. Orange juice. corn flakes - Broiled Schrod, which was delicio Toast. Iced Coffee. Resting all morning - but catching up on Scrap Book - etc - At noon listened to the Inauguration of Franklin D. Roosevelt. Refiled my diaries in the Bed Room Bookcase and Annex Hall Closet. Downstairs for lunch - Rested all afternoon - Up at 5 - Walked up to Cushing Square - to Batson's - the evening newspapers and a Pound of Kemp's Nuts for Frances, to Foster's for a Bunch of Jonquils also for Frances, to Woolworth's for a strainer also for Frances. to 11 Oak Avenue to call on Mother - Found her in good spirits + Back to the house at the Living Room. Dinner at 6.45 - Soup. Sausages on a mound of Mashed Potato in a Spinach Ring - It looked wonderfully and tasted delicious. For dessert - Banana shortcake - Upstairs at 7.15



(AP Wirephoto)

HISTORY IN THE MAKING as President Roosevelt becomes first to take fourth term oath. Diplomats, members of Congress and distinguished guests look on from White House lawn, standing in the snow.

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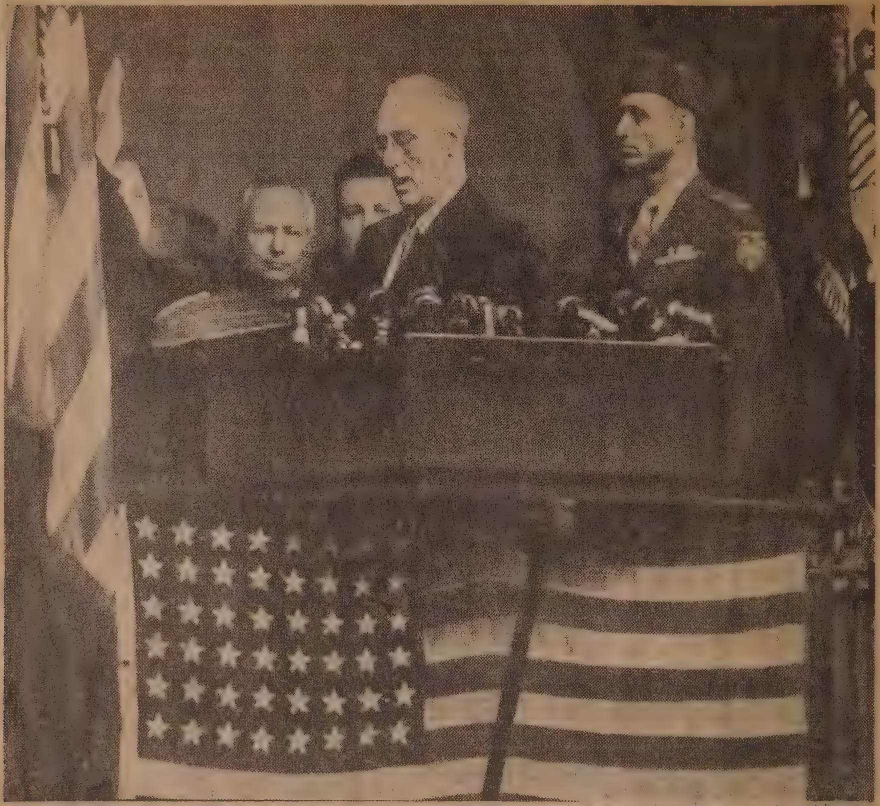
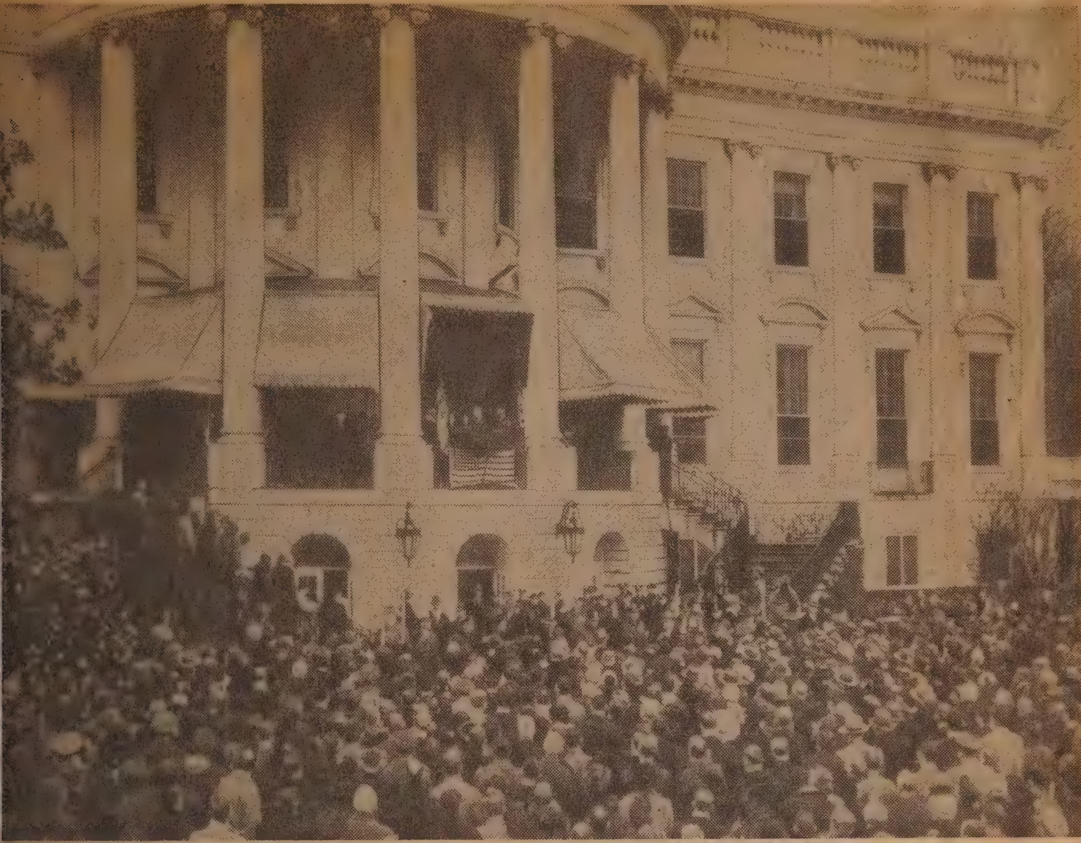
President Roosevelt Taking the Oath for His Fourth Term



Associated Press wirephoto

Mr. Roosevelt repeating the oath of office yesterday noon as it was administered by Chief Justice Harlan F. Stone, who is obscured by the flag. Colonel James Roosevelt is at the right

Setting as President Roosevelt Took His Oath for the Fourth Term



A view yesterday during the inaugural ceremony on the rear porch of the White House Associated Press wirephoto

January 21, 1945

Dear Mother and Dad,

My address has changed a little nd it reads as follows;

Sgt. P. J. B.
SMS-51 MCAS
Mojave, California

It's quite cold out here now but it never snows. The little water on the ground is all frozen and the wind from the mountains can really whip around. Have you had any news from Dave? I sure hope he'll be back soon. Next month is the big one, isn't it. Your first grandchild. I know everyone must be pretty excited now. I got a great deal of enjoyment about the new committee that my father is chairman of. That's super.

Where is Nicky now? Probably on a little K P someplace. I'll have to continue in pencil. I have a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] if a [illegible]. I'll [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] transfer my mail isn't coming to me but I'll probably get it all tomorrow. My watch strap is wearing out again so I'll replace it once again tomorrow. I have used so many straps since [illegible] me the watch [illegible] [illegible] ago.

I saw [illegible] that night and he was [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] with a small [illegible] [illegible]

They are going to show "Americ
Thursday so I think I'll go. Until
[illegible]

UNITED STATES ARMY

Sunday
Jan. 21, 1945

Dear Mom and Dad -

Thanks for the money, letter and pictures, dad -- They all hit the spot! Very first letters I got - also a letter from Minnie Dora and Marion Hodge in the same mail. - They were on my bed after I got back from the movies ("House of Frankenstein") last night -- The show was punk but the letters great!

Most of the men in my company are principally from East Boston - New Jersey - Philadelphia - all very swell guys -

Yesterday our company had to clean out and rebuild an area that was full of duds that were expected to go off any minute.

No casualties, however - the "second louie" in charge warned us that 5 men had been killed on that battle area fooling with duds - all which was to scare the men, I suppose, to not fool around.

You should see me washing my clothes - kind of sloppy but effecient.

Here is news!! I voluntarily got a crew cut - !!! Everyone says I look a hundred percent better with it, however - I'll try to have my picture taken and send it on - also you can make records free of charge at the service club - I'll do that also -

Life had a fine spread on Boston, n'estce pas?

I showed the pictures of the roast beef and turkey around. Everyone's mouth was watering - one boy wanted them for pin-ups - but nothing doing.

We have to get up at 6 o'clock each morning and 7 on Sundays. I don't mind this at all -- and our chow is 95% grand.

The troop train coming down was great fun - I could sleep in an upper berth for the rest of my life - Washington was the best of the cities that we passed through - I've seen tobacco and cotton plantations with negro huts dotted over the ~~flat~~ marshy country side.

I'm slightly red from the sun - but it feels OH! so good.

The head of our barracks, P.F.C. Lynn, is a great guy - he comes from Indiana and looks surprisingly like Wilkie - I've got one thing that he has more of - and that is ambition - I never met anyone quite like him for he never worked before he entered the army and has no intention of working after the war! He's a great fellow, though -

I must return now —

my love to you -

Nick

CLEAR TODAY AND WARMER

The weather will continue fair today with temperatures rising slightly above what they were yesterday, the weather bureau forecast last night. The highest temperature expected today will be 36 degrees. The highest yesterday was 31 degrees.

The fair weather will continue late tonight and probably will continue Monday, the weather bureau said. The winds will be gentle.

Sunday, January 21st 1945

Having gone to sleep before 10 - I was wide awake at 4.45 - so turned on the light & started to work. wrote up my diary and put articles in scrap-Book - commencing with last May and April. Cold early this morning - below twenty. Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.45 and it was a good one - orange juice - oatmeal - Dropped Egg on Fish Cake. ketchup - Strips of Bacon. Toasted English Muffin - Iced Coffee. out of bed at 9.25 and doing odd jobs - up at 10.30 - had a hot tub bath - over to see Mother at 11 Oak Avenue at 11.45 - Back to the house at 12.30 - Frances, John, + I over to the Wettlaufers at - had a good time - home at 2.30 dinner - corn Beef and cabbage. Rested all afternoon - for supper - club sandwich and fruit cup - also milk -

John went into the Back Bay Station to meet Mary - her train was 45 minutes late - home at 11.30 - she went over to New York last Tuesday.

Moody called at noon to tell me thieves had broken into our Allston District office early this morning.

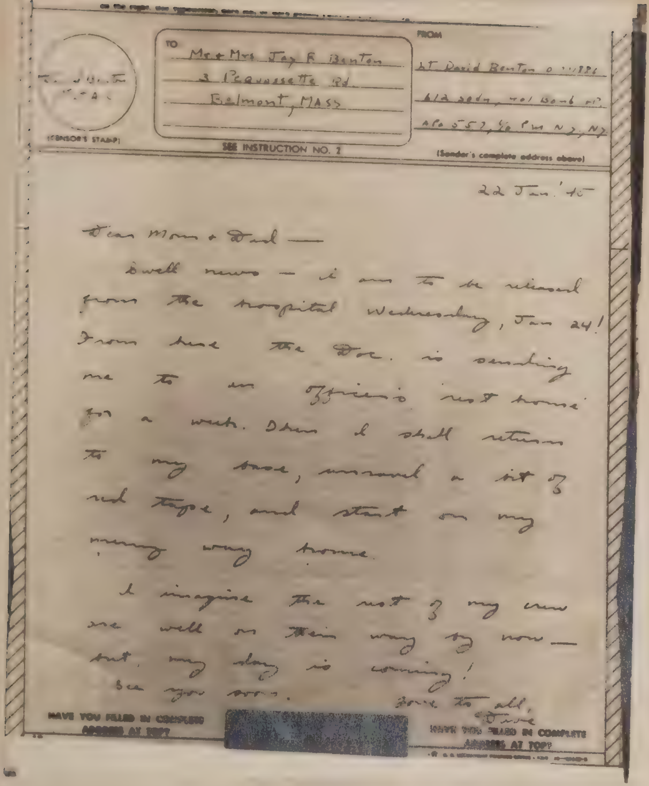
2-Inch Snow Due Tonight in Hub

Boston's thick snow cover will get a new coat tonight when one to two inches of snow will fall, the weather bureau forecast today.

The snow will begin early this evening and end shortly after midnight. Tomorrow will be clear and colder with winds reaching 20 to 30 miles an hour.

Lowest temperature tonight was expected to be about 30.

Monday, January 22nd 1945
Up at the regular time and
down for breakfast at 8.20
Orange juice - oatmeal - Scrambled
eggs with mushrooms - strips of Bacon
Toast Iced Coffee - To town 2 suitcases all the way
on the cars - Talking with Harold T. Hall -
Got off at Park St. for papers - Office
work - Alexander Wheeler, Chairman of the
Boston Finance Commission and Sec'y Cunniff
in for conference - Out to lunch at 12.20
with Everett Lane - to the Country Plate. Broiled Schrod -
Peas - Carrots - Coffee. Tangerine - to Jordan's to leave film
of Nicholas for enlargement. To South Station & C. of C.
Bldg. to get candy bars to send Nicholas - also
sent him a Box of Stationery - Work on afternoon -
Wallace Crowley in. Left at 4.45 with Moody &
Manfield - a heavy Blizzard going on - the evening
papers from "Chris" at the Old South Church - Allston
then home. Little Living Room. Oysters on the half shell.
Creamed Chicken & mushrooms in a rice ring.
Milk - Banana Shortcake - To bed early.
Frances gave a luncheon party for Louise today - whose
Birthday it is - also Ann and Margaret Wheeler and
Elise Rogers.
3 letters from David - He's getting better.



TO
Mr & Mrs Jay F. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS

FROM
Lt. David Benton 0 [illegible]886
612 Sqdn, 401 Bomb Gp.
APO 557, c/o PM NY, NY
(Sender's complete address above)

(CENSOR'S STAMP)

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

22 Jan.'45

Dear Mom & Dad —

Swell news — I am to be released from the hospital Wednesday, Jan 24! From here the Doc. is sending me to an Officer's rest home for a week. Then I shall return to my base, unravel a bit of red tape, and start on my merry way home.

I imagine the rest of my crew are well on their way by now — but my day is coming!

See you soon.

Love to all,
Dave

HAVE YOU FILLED IN COMPLETE ADDRESS AT TOP?

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FRANCES' BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON FOR LOUISE

JANUARY 22, 1945

OYSTERS ON THE HALF SHELL

- - -

SPICED TOMATO SOUP

- - -

TOASTED CRACKERS

CELERY -- RADISHES -- JELLY

- - -

CHICKEN A LA KING
IN RICE RING

FRENCH FRIED ONIONS

CUCUMBER SALAD WITH CHIVES

HOT ROLLS

- - -

MAPLE MOUSSE

BIRTHDAY CAKE

COFFEE

* * *
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58 Hillcrest Rd.
Belmont 78
Massachusetts.

Dear Frances

Today's party was lovely and I do much appreciate the love and kindness behind all you did.

I really did get a big boost to the (of late) badly shattered morale.

A thousand thanks for everything, the flowers the un-

matched paper, but
it is all the house
contains at the
moment.

Lovingly always,
Louis.

Jan. 22, 1945.

P.S.
The slip fits beautifully.

Sgt. Peter J. Benton
[redacted]-51 MCAS

January 22, 1945

Dear Mom and Dad,

I took a few pictures on Christmas day and if they come out all right I'll send you a few. I took them with a new camera to me so I don't know how they'll turn out. I hope Dave will be all better soon so he can come home. What time is the baby supposed to arrive? I'll send Jeanne another present for Spike early next month. We have a nice birthday coming up very soon and what would you like mom?

Tomorrow morning at nine I start my flight physical. It's my fifth since I joined the Marine Corps. My letters from home caught up with me today. The news from the Eastern front is certainly good. From the Western - it isn't so good. When I was home on furlough last July I had a good talk with a fellow who passed away so I saw in the American. He was a fine athelete and

I played on the same team
as he did at Junior H gym.

Any word from Dick,
yet? It is quite cold today but
the radio says that the citrus
crop is O.K. I've got to get
this in the afternoon mail so
until later;

Love,
Peter

Sgt. Peter J. Benton
[redacted]-51 MCAS
SMS
Mojave, California

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Mr. and Mrs. Jay R. Benton
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Belmont, Massachusetts

PAR AVION
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CORREO AEREO

The BEACON
SOCIETY OF
BOSTON.

THE NEXT MEETING

of the Beacon Society will be held at the
Algonquin Club, Monday evening
January 22, 1945

Reception at 6:15 o'clock

THE
395TH
MEETING
JANUARY
22ND, 1945

The Guest and Speaker will be

ANDRE MICHALOPOULOS

C.B.E., O.B.E., F.R.S.A.

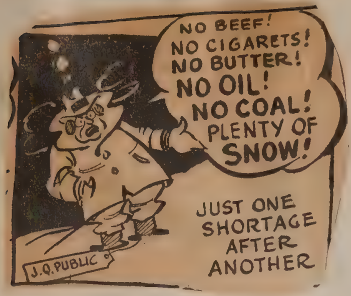
Mr. Andre Michalopoulos, educated in Greece, France, and at Oxford, youthful veteran of the two world wars, a former member of the Greek Cabinet and President of the Anglo-Hellenic League, a diplomat with unusual linguistic attainments, speaking flawless English, will tell us the story of Greece and the political situation there which has threatened to disrupt unity among the United Nations.

Will you please reply promptly and notify the Secretary not later than 4:00 P.M. on Monday if there is any change in your plans. Otherwise we are charged for reservations whether for members or guests.

Everett S. Litchfield, Secretary
Laf. 5700

January 9, 1945

Passed this up.


NO BEEF!
NO CIGARETS!
NO BUTTER!
NO OIL!
NO COAL!
PLENTY OF
SNOW!
J.Q. PUBLIC

JUST ONE SHORTAGE AFTER ANOTHER

January 23, 1945

Dear Dad,

Today I took a flight physical and you probably are all wondering what it is all about. To start off with on the twelvth I took a series of 3 mental exams for entrance into pilot training. Out of forty odd men who took these I came out top-man of all. My final mark on these three exams is B+ which the board of doctors (- 3 Lt. Commanders) said my work was excellent. They kept me from taking a physical simply because I had no diploma from high school. They think I have enough knowledge for a year of college even if I don't have any diploma. They were all grand to me and today I did take a very tedious physical which I passed with flying colors. They said I was a little over-weight but I'd be losing that soon. If I'm accepted in Washington I'll be placed in flight training. I don't know what will happen but my examination marks please me a lot. Now I'm going to write to the headmaster at B&N - Mr Trucker my old math. teacher - and ask him for a letter saying, that although I inducted at 17 thus preventing me from a B&N diploma that I have the knowledge equivalent to a public high school diploma and more. I'll have to have it if I am addmitted and I'll wait to hear from you so what counts to me is my father's opinion on his son Peter's work.

Love,
Peter

I'm sorry for not writing for two weeks but my mind was pretty full. I'll write each day.

SERVICE SQUADRON-51
MARINE AIR SUPPORT GROUP-51
MARINE FLEET AIR, WEST COAST,
MARINE CORPS AIR STATION
MOJAVE, CALIFORNIA.

Type the following form, with the information called for, on page 9 of the Service Record of BENTON, Peter, Sgt. (546313).

On January 12, 1945 found qualified for flight training as a result of psychological tests. Grades were as follows:

ACT: Form 2 Score 071 Grade C
MCT: Form 4 Score 56 Grade B
BI: Form 3 Score 42 Key Y

B

→ Flight aptitude rating B ←

These tests are not to be given again.

N.B. This man has not actually graduated from High School and therefore may not be eligible for flight training.

A duplicate copy is to be sent to BuPers.

/s/J. J. BERGIDA
Lt. Comdr.(MC)USNR

Dad - These are the grades which I made on the naval flight examinations. I sent the original to Mr. Tucker.

Mojave, California
27 January 1945.

Dear Mr. Tucker,

A few weeks ago I took three psychological examinations for application to flight training as an Aviation Cadet. My final grade for the three exams was "B" and I came out top man among the applicants. The exams consisted of Math. (in the form of Algebra), English, Science, Aeronautics, Biology and Physics. The original of my outcome is enclosed.

The Naval Doctors say that by your outcome on these tests, they can tell whether or not a man will get through ground school training with success. My Commanding Officer is all aut for getting me into this program and I know the Doctors are too. The Navy requires that an applicant have a high school education or the equivalent and I explained to them that I never had a diploma because I went to preparatory school with a course that covered more than a year above regular high school. The Doctors say that I should have no trouble after the good record that I have attained on these tests and those which I took upon my entrance into the Marine Corps.

I will have to produce a letter saying that I have finished high school subjects equivalent to a high school education but because I went to a preparatory school, I never completed a course for its diploma. I wrote to Dad about it and soon I'll hear from him. My papers go into Washington very soon (first week in February) and if I could have a letter from you, I think my chances would be very fine. This letter may be just a good try on my part but hearing from you as soon as possible would be wonderful. My status on the physical examination is tip-top.

Very sincerely yours
P.J.B.

This is a copy of my letter to Mr. Tucker.

Love,
Peter

Chas. L. Hurley

Geo. M. Stevens & Son Co.
Insurance.

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Liability, Steam Boiler,
Plate Glass, Surety.

Lancaster, N.H. Jany 23, 194

Dear Jay:

I thank you very much for your congratulatory letter.

I am very proud & pleased to be associated with Mr. Hurley & hope the partnership will last for many years.

The boys had a good time in Boston attending the Mass. Fairs Assn meeting, but were sorry you could not be with them. They are hard at work on a Bigger & Better Fair, & I will do all I can to help them.

I hope you & your family are in the best of health, and looking forward to see you all in the north country this summer.

Sincerely yours,

Les

GLOBE CORRESPONDENT ON WESTERN FRONT—Carlyle Holt surveys scene of operations sitting on bumper of squad car at the front with American 9th Tactical Air Force.

MY BOYHOOD CHUM
IN WAVERLEY.

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THIS IS OUR FIFTY-SECOND YEAR OF SERVICE TO BOYS

ANNUAL MEETING

AREA COUNCIL NO. 1.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 1945 at 12.15 o'clock

HANCOCK ROOM, HOTEL STATLER

We are having our first Annual Meeting under the new Area Council organization at the Hotel Statler on Tuesday, January 23rd. at 12.15 o'clock.

At this meeting the new Constitution will be adopted and there is the election of officers.

Unless official business interfers, we are expecting to have our Governor Maurice J. Tobin, send us off to a good start in 1945, with an inspirational message on the importance of our work in these War times and in the Post-War period.

Mr. Church, chairman of Area Council No. 1 will preside.

The cost of the luncheon will be $1.75 plus 9¢ tax, a total of $1.84 and we are obliged to ask for reservations in advance on account of the hotel arrangements.

May we have your reply postcard as soon as possible.

Arthur T. Burger
Secretary
Area Council No. 1.

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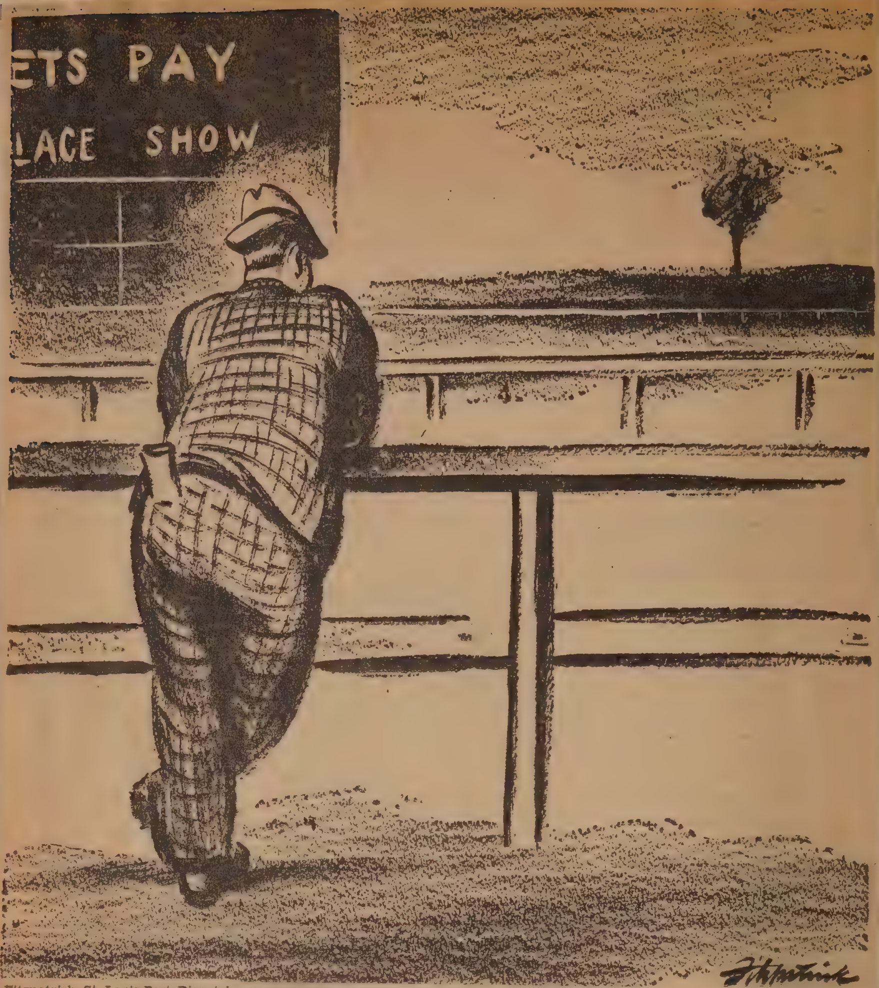
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Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick, St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Memory Lane

Today's a Rare Day!

1/23/45

[By the Associated Press]

Only twice in a century can today's date be written by means of the above consecutive sequence of numbers—1, 2, 3, 4, 5—today and again next Dec. 3 (12/3/45.)

Tuesday, January 23rd 1945

After breakfast of orange juice - oatmeal. chicken a la king on toast - fried eggs - Bacon - Iced Coffee - to Town all the way on the cars - and lugging suit case - office - work - at 12.45 to the "Knockers" Club - large attendance - had Roast Leg of Mutton - Milk - Tangerine - Back to the office via Liggetts & Woolworths - Real Estate - Work - left at 4.45 - Home all the way on the cars - Little Living Room - Dinner - Lamb Chops - Baked Potato - and good - to Bed early.

The proofs of the Knockers' Xmas Luncheon pictures arrived today.

Mercury Plunges 26° in 6 Hours As a New Cold Wave Chills City

Wednesday. January 24th 1945

Up at the regular time - and down for breakfast - orange juice - oatmeal - Dropped egg on fish cake. Bacon - toast - Iced coffee - to town all the way on the cars - Work. At noon up to the fourth floor to run the Annual Policyholders meeting. - which was all over at 12.35 - then we all adjourned to the Parker House - where we had our annual luncheon in the Hawthorne Room. Chicken Fricasee which was good. A lot of speeches as usual. Back to the office at 3.30 - Left at 4.45 - with Moody and Mansfield - in a Terrific Blizzard - first to Allston - then home. Little living Room. Dinner and so to Bed.

Dear Jay -

What do you know -
Sixty years ago today
I was married to
your father, of
blessed memory

lovingly

Mother

January twenty-four -
1885 - 1945

REMARKS - ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING

JANUARY 24, 1945

THIS IS THE FOURTH TIME THAT WE HAVE MET IN THIS PLACE TO HOLD THE ANNUAL POLICYHOLDERS' MEETING WITH THIS COUNTRY AT WAR WITH THE AXIS. THERE IS HARDLY A PERSON HERE TODAY WHOSE HOME HAS NOT IN SOME WAY FELT THE HEAVY IMPACT OF THIS TERRIBLE WAR. JUST AS WE HAVE BORNE THE STRAIN OF CONFLICT IN OUR FAMILY LIFE, SO TOO WE HAVE BORNE IT IN OUR BUSINESS LIFE IN CARRYING ON THE WORK OF THIS COMPANY. WE ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE MANY AND DIVERSIFIED PROBLEMS THAT HAVE CONTINUALLY FACED US IN THE PAST FOUR YEARS. THE DEVALUATION OF THE DOLLAR SOME YEARS AGO, THE INCREASE IN THE COST OF LIVING DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS, THE HEAVY INCREASE IN TAXATION, THE DECREASED YIELD ON INVESTMENT FUNDS, HAVE ALL IMPOSED UNPRECEDENTED HANDICAPS TO THE PROGRESS OF OUR WORK AND THE REACHING OF OUR IMPORTANT OBJECTIVES. IT IS TO THE CREDIT OF ALL THAT, DESPITE ALL THE DIFFICULTIES, THE BOSTON MUTUAL HAS CONTINUED TO PROGRESS AND TO GO FORWARD AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF 1944 HAVE EQUALLED, AND, IN SEVERAL INSTANCES, EXCEEDED THE RESULTS OF PREVIOUS YEARS.

THE COMPLETE FINANCIAL FIGURES HAVE ALREADY BEEN PRESENTED TO THE MEETING, ITEM BY ITEM, AND IT WILL ONLY BE NECESSARY FOR ME TO REPEAT THE MORE IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS. FOR THE YEAR WE HAD AN INSURANCE GAIN OF $9,433,000 AND A TOTAL INSURANCE IN FORCE ON DECEMBER 31ST OF $129,216,000. WE HAD A PREMIUM INCOME OF $5,243,000 AND AN INTEREST INCOME OF $555,887 -- MAKING OUR TOTAL INCOME $5,898,000. WITH THE BALANCING OF OUR BOOKS AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR, WE HAD EXCESS OF INCOME OVER DISBURSEMENTS OF $2,310,866. WE HAD A GAIN IN SURPLUS OF $242,444 AND OUR SURPLUS REACHED A TOTAL OF $1,423,975. *

WE NOW ENTER INTO OUR FIFTY-FOURTH YEAR OF DOING BUSINESS. WE CONTINUE TO DO SO UNDER WAR TIME CONDITIONS. ALL BUSINESS IS UNDERGOING A CHANGE AND AS WE APPROACH THE PERIOD OF RECONVERSION THAT WILL FOLLOW THIS WAR, THERE WILL BE AN UNPARALLELED OPPORTUNITY TO EXERT OUR COMBINED EFFORTS TO THE END THAT OUR BUSINESS SHALL NOT ONLY CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD BUT THAT IT WILL DO ITS PART IN MAKING A CONTRIBUTION IN MOULDING A STRONG, PEACEFUL, AND PROSPEROUS POST-WAR NEW ENGLAND

AND ALSO AMERICA.

WE ARE PROFOUNDLY GRATEFUL FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE IN BUILDING UP THE RECORD FOR 1944 AND FOR YOUR LOYALTY TO THE COMPANY.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT, BROADLY SPEAKING, TWO GROUPS MAKE UP THE INSTITUTION OF LIFE INSURANCE:

> POLICYHOLDERS AND THE BENEFICIARIES UNDER THEIR POLICIES CONSTITUTE ONE OF THESE GROUPS;
>
> THE OTHER IS COMPOSED OF THE MEN AND THE WOMEN WHO HOLD THE FUTURE OF THAT GROUP IN TRUST.

MOST OF YOU WHO ARE HERE TODAY ARE THE TRUSTEES IN THE FIELD AND THE REST OF US ARE THE TRUSTEES IN THE HOME OFFICE. WE HERE PLEDGE TO YOU -- AS WE KNOW YOU PLEDGE TO US -- CONTINUED WHOLEHEARTED COOPERATION IN FULFILLING OUR TRUSTEESHIP TO THE OVER 370,000 POLICYHOLDERS WHO MAKE UP THE OWNERS OF THIS COMPANY.

WITH THE GOOD NEWS THAT IS NOW COMING FROM BOTH THE WESTERN AND EASTERN FRONTS, WE LOOK FORWARD TO MUCH HAPPIER DAYS IN THE NOT DISTANT FUTURE, AND SO BOTH THE HOME OFFICE AND THE FIELD CAN TOGETHER FACE THE FUTURE WITH THE CONFIDENCE BORNE OF THE CONVICTION THAT THE WORK THAT WE ARE ENGAGED IN IS A SERVICE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELFARE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Print the complete address in plain letters in the panel below, and your return address in the space provided on the right. Use typewriter, dark ink, or dark pencil. Faint or small writing is not suitable for photographing.

David Benton
1st Lt. A.C.

CENSOR'S STAMP

TO
Mr. & Mrs. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequossette Rd.
Belmont, MASS.

SEE INSTRUCTION NO. 2

FROM
Lt. David Benton 0-[illegible]
612 Sqdn, 401 Bomb. Gp.
APO 557, c/o P.M. N.Y., N.Y.

(Sender's complete address above)

25 Jan. '45

Dear Family,

I am now at the convalescent home — will be here for a week, returning to the base next Thursday.

This is a very nice place, jointly run by the Army and the Red Cross. The food is really super — almost as good as that at home! We are quartered in an old country home with extensive grounds, gardens etc. Really the life of Riley!

I feel swell and am regaining my lost weight rapidly. Am also cleaning up all my affairs at the 401st to hasten my trip home a bit.

Love to all,
Dave

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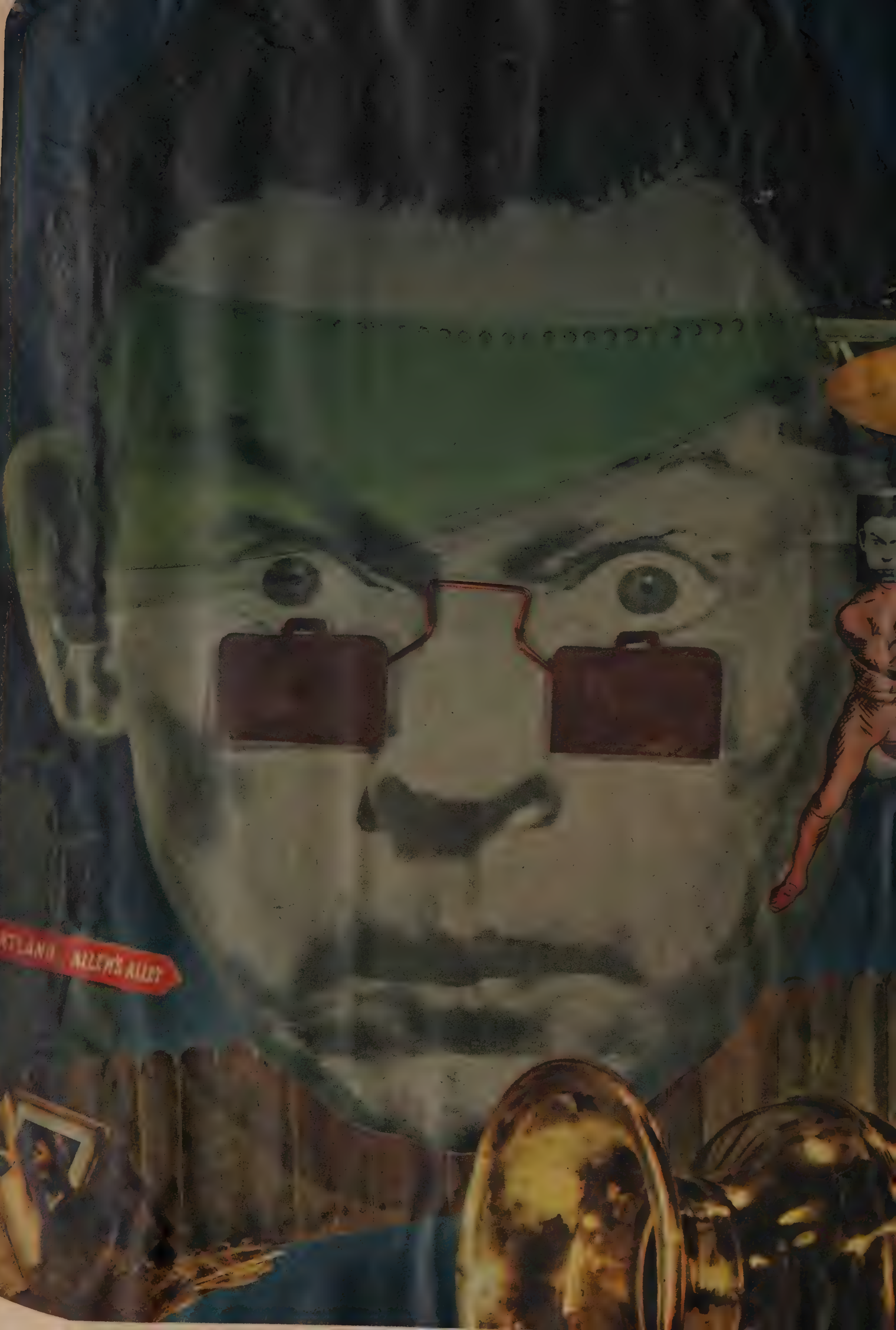
ORTLAND
ALLEN'S ALLEY

January 25, 1945.

Dearest Mom and Dad B.,

Mary and I had a very nice, but all too short weekend together. Hope she's told you about Spike's room and all the things I have for him. Thanks so much for the dog — it is so adorable. How Spike will love it!

My last letter from Dave was Jan. 16th — none today or yesterday. In it

"Mis-ter Al-len" calls Portland each week, and each year (this is the thirteenth) commercial radio calls back Fred Allen after his announced definitely, positively last performance. One of radio's "most retiring" stars, in private life he ducks the glitter-clamor that's manna to most celebrities. He buries himself from broadcast to broadcast writing and polishing his scripts—summers in Maine where his slate-pencil twang is twin to the natives' (although he was born in Massachusetts). His other interests run to workouts in the gym and the solace of a spittoon. Once billed on the vaudeville circuit as "the world's worst juggler," Fred Allen is accoladed as the Comedians' Comedian. Even his competition nominates him America's greatest wit.

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he said he expected to be released from the hospital *any* day. I am sure he must be on his way home right now! — guess he's coming by boat as he said "I am almost ready to *swim* home to you".

Please tell mary that the girl next door had her baby yesterday — a 7 lb. 9 oz. boy Well, I'll be next — and I have a feeling Spike is going to arrive ahead of *schedule*.

Dearest love to you,
Jeanne.

P.S. 2 bundles of papers for Dave came yesterday.

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MRS. ROBERT L. O'BRIEN

Mrs. R. L. O'Brien Rites Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mrs. Emily Young O'Brien, 78, head of the Disabled Veterans Hospital Service, Inc., since the first World War, and wife of Robert Lincoln O'Brien, former editor of The Boston Herald and later chairman of the United States Tariff Commission, will be held in the Arlington Street Church tomorrow at 4 P. M. Burial will be in Lisbon, N. H., Friday.

Mrs. O'Brien died yesterday at the Oak Retreat Sanitarium, Washington, of coronary thrombosis following a long period of declining health. A native of Lisbon, N. H., she was the daughter of James Riley and Susan Ayers Young. She was graduated from Boston University as valedictorian of her class in 1891 and from its medical school in 1893.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Robert L. M. Underhill of Concord, now in Tucson, Ariz.; a son, Maj. Lincoln O'Brien, publisher of the Claremont (N. H.) Daily Eagle, now stationed at Asuncion, Paraguay, and four grandchildren.

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Mrs. O'Brien Rites Held

Wife of Former Editor of Herald

Funeral services for Mrs. Emily Young O'Brien, 78, head of the Disabled Veterans Hospital Service, Inc., and wife of Robert Lincoln O'Brien, former editor of The Herald and later chairman of the U. S. Tariff Commission, were held yesterday afternoon at Arlington Street Church.

The Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, minister of the church, officiated at the services which were attended by many friends and co-workers of Mrs. O'Brien. Ushers were former Gov. Channing Cox, Jay R. Benton, president of the Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company, Frank W. Buxton, editor of The Herald, and Thomas H. Carens, vice-president of the Boston Edison Company. John B. Woodworth was organist and director of the quartet which sang at the services.

Maj. Lincoln O'Brien, a son, who is stationed in South America, and Mrs. Robert L. M. Underhill of Tucson, Ariz., a daughter, and four grandchildren were unable to attend the funeral.

A delegation from the Disabled Veterans Hospital Service, Inc., attended the services. Others attending included Clement A. Norton, school committeeman; Gen. Charles H. Cole, chairman of the state board of conciliation and arbitration; Robert B. Choate, publisher of The Herald; Franklin W. Hobbs, president of Arlington Mills; Benjamin F. Felt, former city editor of The Herald; William Marshall Warren, dean emeritus of Boston University; William E. Mullins, political editor of The Herald; George B. Ryan, Herald columnist; Mansfield S. O'Brien of Plymouth; Lt. Comdr. Shields Warren, USN; Miss Marian C. Nichols of the Massachusetts Civil Service Reform Association; James P. Croft of The Herald-Traveler composing room; Arthur D. Hill, former Suffolk county district attorney; William F. Rogers of the Metropolitan district commission, and Eugene A. Hatch of The Herald-Traveler composing room.

SERVICES FOR MRS. O'BRIEN

Notables at Funeral of Former Editor's Wife

Former Gov. Channing H. Cox headed a distinguished group of ushers yesterday afternoon at the funeral in Arlington St. Church of Mrs. Emily Young O'Brien, 78, head of the Disabled Veterans Hospital Service and wife of Robert Lincoln O'Brien, one-time editor of the Boston Herald and later chairman of the Federal Tariff Commission, who died in Washington Tuesday.

The Rev. Dana McLean Greeley, minister of the church, officiated. John B. Woodworth, organist, directed a quartet which sang. Beside former Gov. Cox, the ushers included Jay R. Benton, former State Attorney-General; Frank W. Buxton, present editor of the Herald, and Thomas H. Carens, vice-president of the Boston Edison Co.

Burial will be at Lisbon, N. H., Mrs. O'Brien's birthplace, today.

Mrs. R. L. O'Brien

Funeral services for Mrs. Emily Young O'Brien, wife of Robert Lincoln O'Brien, former editor of the Boston Herald and later chairman of the United States Tariff Commission, were held yesterday afternoon at the Arlington Street Church. Rev. Dana McLean Greeley conducted the services and in his eulogy dwelt on Mrs. O'Brien's unceasing efforts for disabled veterans of World War I. She was head of the Disabled Veterans' Hospital Service, Inc., of Boston.

Ushers were Channing Cox, Frank W. Buxton, J. R. Benton and Thomas H. Carens. Music was by a quartet under the direction of John B. Woodworth, organist.

Interment will be today in the family lot at Lisbon, N. H., where Mrs. O'Brien was born 78 years ago. She leaves her husband; a son, Maj Lincoln O'Brien, publisher of the Claremont Daily Eagle, now stationed at Asuncion, Paraguay, and a daughter, Mrs. Robert L. M. Underhill of Concord.

It'll Be Colder Tonight

With a fuel crisis overhanging, Boston and its suburbs are in for another night of extreme cold, the mercury even lower than it was last night, probably dropping to five below zero in the city and 15 below in outskirt communities.

Thursday, January 25th 1945

Brrr! Brrr! It really was cold this morning. the thermometer by my bedroom window read at 8.a.m. 8° below zero. Slept late. Breakfast orange juice - oatmeal - Fried eggs & Bacon. Toast - Iced Coffee - Cars all the way to town. Talking with Herb. Rogers. Office. to 41 Pearl St. to get Industry & Finance list from W. A. Nicol. Work to 12.30 out with Everett Lane. Cold. to Hotel Avery. Soup. Omelette with chicken a la King. Roll. Hot Coffee. Tangerine - Back to the office - out to the Bank and to 89 Broad St. Office work to 2 to 3.10. Subway to Arlington St. At 11 Dr. Dana McLean Greeley, pastor had called up to say that Robert Lincoln O'Brien would like me to usher at his wife's services - which I was glad to do for my old friend. so to the Arlington Street Church. the other ushers were Channing Cox, Tommy Carens, and Frank Buxton of the Herald. Left at 4.45 - Cars all the way home. To Little Living Room. Girls out - Frances cooking. Cold sliced Corn Beef - Spaghetti with cheese - toast - Milk. Baked Apple.

We had a letter from Peter today - we had not heard from him in over three weeks. He is still in California -

Bitter Cold to Continue At Least 2 More Days

Greater Boston will get no relief from the bitter cold wave which now has New England in its grip, the Weather Bureau announced today. Tonight the temperature in downtown Boston will be 8 above and close to zer
most of the suburbs.

The highest temperature to
will be about 18 degrees and
weather today and tomorrow
be fair and continued very c

Friday, January 26th 1945
Still cold – thermometer at the zero mark –
Up betimes – breakfast – orange juice –
oatmeal. Poached eggs on toast – Iced
Coffee. to the square with Frances –
Subway – office – work – out to lunch
at 12.20 with Everett Lane to the Country
Plate – and was it cold at the corner of
Tremont and Boylston – Had fried
Scallops – Tartar Sauce – Green Peas –
Coffee Tangerine – Back to the office –
All afternoon worked on salary adjustments
home office employees, Lane, Mansfield, Leary.
Left at 5.20 with Moody and Mansfield –
to the Hotel Bradford. Attended Dinner
meeting of our Dorchester District Office –
Broiled Live Lobster – Left at 9.30 to
Allston first – then home in Moody's
Car – to Bed at 10.15 +

Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company

HOME OFFICE
160 CONGRESS STREET
BOSTON, MASS.

DISTRICT OFFICE
T. BURGESS, SUPT.
598 COLUMBIA ROAD
DORCHESTER, MASS.

January 20, 1945

Mr. J. R. Benton
President

Dear Sir:

The men of the Dorchester District join me in cordially inviting you to be our guest at a dinner we are having at the Hotel Bradford on Friday, January 26. The dinner will be at 7:00 P.M.

A conference room has been engaged for an informal get together prior to dinner.

Sincerely hoping that we will have the pleasure of your company, I am

Very truly yours,

T. Burgess
Supt.

TB:DR

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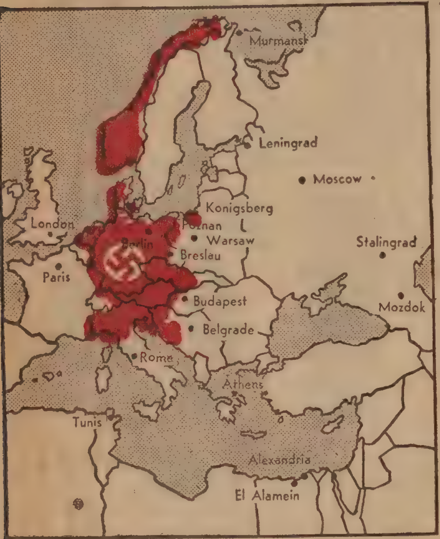
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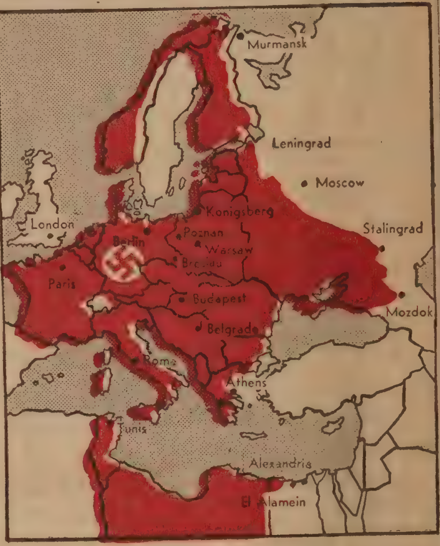
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OCTOBER, 1942

RED AREA IN MAP AT LEFT shows all that's left of the self-assumed grandeur that once was Hitler—the shrunken remnant of his "Greater Reich" as it is today. Map at right shows German holdings at the peak point of Nazi aggression in 1942, when all of France, Italy, Greece and the Balkans; Russia, almost to Moscow; and the Mediterranean coast of Africa were under the Fuehrer's heel. The tide turned at El Alamein on Oct. 22, 1942; at Stalingrad in January, 1943; in France with the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944. It is still sweeping rapidly toward Berlin.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
THE SUPERIOR COURT
BOSTON

J. ARTHUR BAKER
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

January 18, 1945

Hon. Jay R. Benton
160 Congress Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

I have undertaken the job of chairman of the Law School in the Alumni Building Fund this year and would like your help.

There will be a luncheon given by the Boston University Alumni Association at the Parker House on Saturday, January 27, at 12:30 to discuss our plans. Can you be with us as representative of your class?

Cordially yours,

J. Arthur Baker

J. Arthur Baker

Passed this up.

CLOVER CLUB - JAN. 27.

Clover Club Antics

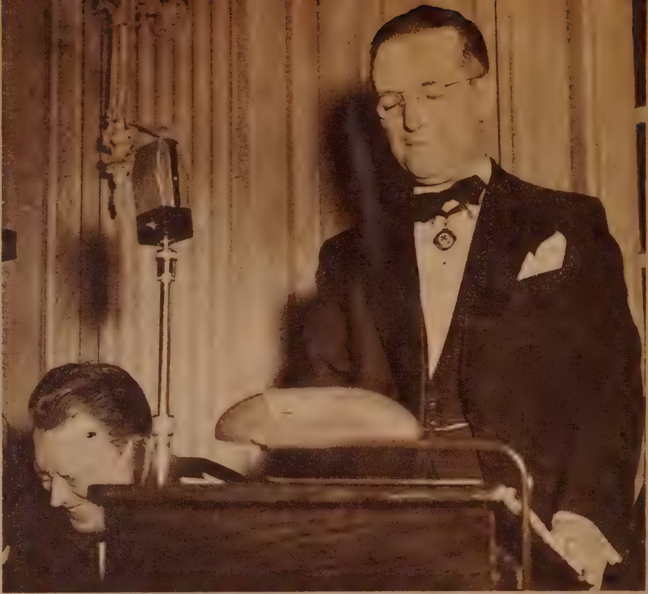
By *JOHN BARRY*

IN 1883 a small group whose roots stemmed from the soil of Old Erin organized as the Clover Club of Boston. It was a supper club at whose festive boards the best in Irish humor and song were treasured. The club outgrew one clubroom after another until now the biggest ballroom in Boston scarcely holds the diners at the three Winter get-togethers. Membership is limited to 250 and each member is allowed one guest. Highlights of the programs are the dramatic offerings of the Clover Players, lampooning the politicians, topical songs and "ribbing" of head-table guests. Typical program was the mid-Winter dinner at the Copley-Plaza Jan. 27 with Fred Allen as the guest speaker, and newly-elected Neal O'Hara presiding.

OBE STAFF PHOTOS
ARTHUR GRIFFIN

Charles S. ("Sandy") Chapman, veteran of the vaudeville stage, renders that tear jerker about the bird in the gilded cage.

PRESIDENT O'HARA



Thomas H. Carens, vice president of the Boston Edison Company, reads the traditional "Waste Basket," at the mid-Winter dinner of the Clovers. This is one of the rare recordings of a comedian laughing at someone else's stuff. Tommy is "wowing" Allen, to say the least.

GL

Four members of the St. Patrick's Choral Society in a Gay Nineties song.

CLUB OF CLOVER BOSTON

1883 1945

MID-WINTER DINNER

JANUARY
Twenty-Seventh
Nineteen Forty-Five

COPLEY-PLAZA HOTEL, BOSTON, MASS.

The CLOVER CLUB of Boston

WE HONOR TONIGHT

FRED ALLEN

COLONEL CLEMENT E. KENNEDY, Presiding

PROGRAM

1. TOAST TO PRESIDENT

2. FLAG RAISING . . . "Star Spangled Banner"

3. INVOCATION . . . Very Rev. John J. Wright, D.D.

4. CLOVER GLEE CLUB

   "A Touch of the Gay Nineties"

   Comedy Quartet: Harold F. O'Neil
   Michael Ahern
   James Fitzpatrick
   Louis Neal

5. ST. PATRICK'S CHORAL SOCIETY . . .
   Directed by Gerald F. Coughlin

6. READINGS . . . Dr. James W. Manary

7. SOLO . . . Michael Ahern

8. WASTE BASKET . . . Thomas H. Carens

9. INAUGURATION OF NEW PRESIDENT

   PROCLAMATION . . . Edward A. Counihan, Jr.

   INAUGURAL ADDRESS . . . Neal O'Hara

ALL-STAR BROADCAST

TEXACO STAR THEATRE

featuring

MIGHTY ALLEN ART PLAYERS

CAST

Fred Allen	William H. Ohrenberger
Jimmy Wallingford	Edward A. Sullivan
George Apley	Leo H. Leary
Portland	Denis W. Delaney
Mrs. Nussbaum	Charles S. Chapman
Falstaff	Dr. Roy Heffernan
John F. Fitzgerald	Gerald F. Doherty
Frederick W. Mansfield	John J. Hagerty
Gov. Maurice J. Tobin	William R. Coleman
Acting Mayor John E. Kerrigan	Gerald F. Coughlin

"Sweet Adeline"

Directed by John J. Caddigan

Guest Speaker . . . FRED ALLEN

MENU

SUPREME FRESH FRUIT AU DUBONNET

CELERY OLIVES SALTED NUTS

POTAGE MONGOL AUX CROUTONS

BREAST OF CHICKEN VIRGINIENNE

ANNA POTATOES

NEW PEAS AUX FINES HERBES

BOMBE ESPAGNOLE

FRIANDISES

DEMI TASSE

COMMITTEES

RECEPTION COMMITTEE

Dr. Martin H. Spellman, *Chairman*

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Andrew J. Dazzi

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Donald Falvey

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Eugene F. Donnelly

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Joseph E. O'Connell

George Dempsey

Charles T. Reardon

CLOVER CLUB ROLL OF HONOR

SECOND WORLD WAR

JOHN H. AGNEW
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Seating List

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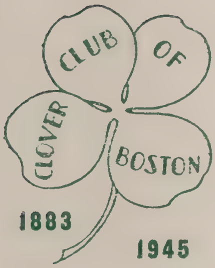
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Wiseman, John T.	35
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York, Dr. Robert S.	5

EVERYBODY'S IN CLOVER—Fred Allen, ex-Boston boy, star of stage, screen and radio, regaling prominent members of the Clover Club during the intermission between ices and demi tasse at Dinty Moore's. Left to right: Thomas Carens, Fred Allen in person, Neal O'Hara, whose daily column is a feature of the Traveler, and Michael T. Keliher. Carens and Keliher are former presidents of the club and O'Hara will be inducted as president tomorrow night at their mid-winter frolic at the Copley Plaza.

Attend Club Feast

GOV. McGRATH of R. I., FRED ALLEN, MAYOR KERRIGAN

Among Notables Having Fun at Clover Club Get-togethe

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'GAGS' SPARK CLOVER CLUB'S WINTER FROLIC

A dramatic group billed as the "Mighty Allen Art Players," but which turned out to be a lineup of substitutes despite the fact Fred Allen was among those present, appeared and performed last night at the Copley Plaza.

It was the mid-winter gathering of Boston's Clover Club, with the usual lampooning and buffoonery interrupted by only a few sedate moments—one of them the installation of Columnist Neal O'Hara as president to succeed Judge Edward A. Counihan, Jr.

"RIDE" NEW PREXY

Even the new prexy became the butt of one gag, contained in a parody to the tune of "Maryland, My Maryland," which asserted at one point:

"His column has a wide appeal—President, our President."

"Three quarters of it is a steal—President, our President.

The Mighty Allen Art Players, strictly an impersonation project, included William H. Ohrenberger as Fred Allen. Denis W. Delaney as Portland, Edward A. Sullivan as Jimmy Wallington, and substitutes for such non-network persons as Frederick W. Mansfield played by John J. Hagerty, and Gov. Tobin, played by William R. Coleman.

ALLEN POURS GAGS

Allen, as guest speaker, convulsed the audience with a life history of O'Hara, and noted that when he was invited, he was instructed to wear a tuxedo and bring six friends, also with tuxedos. "Silly," said Allen, "I haven't six friends with tuxedos. Or have I six friends?"

Unhappy about the weather, Allen said he understood it was so cold here the swan boats are flying south. He said he didn't think former Vice-President Wallace would ever get into the Army "because you have to be strong enough to lift Sewell Avery." He also observed that a postwar project by the Army would probably be "carrying Sewell Avery back again."

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Fred Allen Exposed by Clovers As Really a Boston Sullivan

THINK UP YOUR OWN WISE CRACK—This is a picture of two funnymen in action at the Clover Club banquet at the Copley Plaza Hotel. Fred Allen, radio comic with the baggy eyes, passes a dish of nuts to Neal O'Hara, Traveler columnist, wit, raconteur and Clover Club president. Allen probably said "Nuts to you."

Neal O'Hara, Traveler columnist who was installed as president of the Clover Club of Boston at the Copley Plaza last night, invited Comedian Fred Allen to be the guest speaker because he couldn't find anybody in Boston who would perjure himself by saying nice things about O'Hara.

At least that is what Allen told the gathering as he gave a biographical sketch of O'Hara. Among his observations were that the first of the O'Hara clan was an "unemployed leprechaun" in Ireland and that the Clover Club president was named "Neal" because his parents hoped he would grow up to be an altar boy.

'BACKWARD AS BOY'

He explained that O'Hara was backward as a boy and that when his mother found him walking backwards she stopped giving him Serutan. One of O'Hara's teachers once remarked that getting a fact into his head was harder than trying to pull a turtle neck sweater over a goiter, Allen said, among other nice things.

The Allen paper also referred to Henry Wallace's nomination as Secretary of Commerce by President Roosevelt, in payment of a political debt. Allen said that if Henry thought he would look good in a uniform Gen. Eisenhower would be out of a job now. He added, however, that Wallace probably couldn't get "Ike's" job, because to qualify for the Army now "you have to be able to lift Sewell Avery."

Asked by O'Hara if he made his gags up as he went along, Allen replied he usually went along after he made them up.

In his inaugural speech, O'Hara said that his election was a pushover. "Why Frankie Kelly didn't even run against me," he explained.

HECKLED IN SONG

Allen wasn't spared by the organization, which emphasizes the Irish ancestry of its membership, because he was heckled in song for changing his name from Sullivan to Allen.

To the tune of "Daddy, Dear Old Daddy," the members sang:

"Allen, Freddie Allen.
You are more than an Allen to us.
Broadway and Hollywood think you're a Yank,
Because of your name (and your dough in the bank).
Allen, Freddie Allen.
Back here at home, why the frill?
All the world knows your fame,
But your friends know your name—
Allen, here you're a Sullivan still."

John E. Kerrigan, whose $2000 salary as a city councilman has been increased to $20,000 while he is serving as mayor, was accused in song of going before the Legislature and making the following plea—to the tune of "Don't Fence Me In!"

AIN'T TWENTY GRAND?
or
DON'T CUT ME DOWN

Give me the dough, all the dough, for my job at City Hall—
Don't cut me down.
Twenty gees give me please, 'til election in the fall—Don't cut me down.
How can I be the guy, use the Mayoral powers,
Entertain officials, buy cigars, send flowers?
If I do, you'll find me eating at White Towers—Don't cut me down.

Just see me there in the chair of the Mayor, getting forty bucks a week.
You will agree such a fee paid to me is enough to make me shriek.
How can I be the guy, be a civic hero,
Act the way I should, and not be like a Nero,
Unless you take my check and add another zero—Don't cut me down.

The fact that a Democratic administration headed by a Clover had taken over at the State House was noted in a song entitled: "The End of a Famine." The words "hungry Democrats" did not appear in the verses, but there were broad hints that the Democrats would feast again.

The doggerel follows:

THE END OF A FAMINE
(Tune: TOGETHER)

We're back again together,
On Beacon Hill together.
Now is the time to feather
All our nests so bare, while Maurice is there.
We're going to have our say now;
Judgeships will fall our way now.
Let us hope, now we're there,
That the cupboard ain't bare—
For we want to feast together!

Up on the hill together,
Now that we're back together,
For Democrats it's fair weather.
With a Clover there, in the Gov'nor's chair;
You'll hear our members wishin'
For jobs on each state commission,
And if Henry Long's done,
Arthur Grimes is the one
Who'll get all the dough together.

In addition to O'Hara, other officers installed were: John I. Ahern, secretary; W. E. Mullins, acting secretary; Arthur V. Grimes, treasurer, and the following executive committee: Frederick A. Carroll, chairman, Frederic J. Crosby, Dr. James P. O'Hare, James A. Donovan, Harry J. Black, John J. Hagerty, Martin J. Flaherty, Edmund H. Fitzpatrick, Thomas F. Sullivan and P. A. O'Connell.

Col. Clement E. Kennedy of the First Service Command, presided, and it was announced that at the club's St. Patrick's Day dinner Archbishop Cushing would be the guest of honor and Gov. Tobin toastmaster.

Last night's program also included the reading of the "Waste Basket" by its editor, Thomas H. Carens, Gay Nineties songs by the Clover Club Glee Club and a reading by Dr. James W. Manary, head of the City Hospital.

Seated at the head table were Col. Clement E. Kennedy, Fred Allen, Neal O'Hara, Lt.-Gov. Robert F. Bradford, Acting Mayor John E. Kerrigan, Gov. J. Howward McGrath of Rhode Island, Mayor Dennis J. Roberts of Providence, the Very Rev. John J. Wright, Capt. Robert J. White, Chaplains Corps, USN, Judge Edward A. Counihan, Jr., Charles E. Spencer, Jr., former Gov. Channing H. Cox, Francis A. Countway, Rear Admiral Felix A. Gygax, Edward R. Mitton, Capt. Robert I. O'Brien, USMC, Frank Schmandt, Harold F. Wheeler, Charles R. Doyle, Laurence L. Winship, Joseph P. Spang, Jr., Ira Guilden, Harold G. Kern, William H. Collins, P. A. O'Connell, C. Lawrence Munch, Phillips Ketchum, Thomas H. Carens, Harold E. Fellows, Neal Ahern, Elmer Ward and Dr. Martin H. Spellman.

Comedian Fred Allen (Florence Sullivan in his old home town of Dorchester), Lieut. Gov. Bradford and Mayor John E. Kerrigan try out an old-fashioned clay pipe—you don't have to pick it up if you drop it.

Saturday, January 27th 1945 X

Still cold but up to 10° at 8 - Jane brought up my breakfast - orange juice - wheat germ - filet of sole. Roll - had Coffee - Reading for a while and then Testing for two weeks for an hour and a half. John went to the dentist and then away to get home at 4. Mary back at noon and then to the Blood Dona Centre - her third time. Frances + I had lunch together - Soup - Corn Beef Sandwiches - milk. Fruit cup. Rested all afternoon - up at 4.45 - Shaved, a hot Tub dressed - Tired - at 5.45 - came Leo Leary. Mrs. Leary driving. John and I his guests at the Clover Club dinner at the Copley Plaza - Had a fine and enjoyable evening a evening full of laughs. Home in a friend of John O'Neill's car - To bed at 12.30 +

Cold Snap Ends In Snow Today

Relief from the cold wave of the past few days was promised for shivering Boston today—but in the form of snow, which will start late in the day and continue through tonight and Monday.

The mercury, which dropped somewhat last night, was expected to rise to about 30 today with increasing cloudiness preceding the snow, which was expected to be general throughout New England.

Sunday, January 28th 1945

At 7.30 down for the Sunday papers. Jane brought up my breakfast at 8.45 - Orange juice - Wheat Cream. Chipped Beef in cream - Toasted English Muffins - Iced Coffee + Took it easy all morning - up at 11 - over to call on mother at 11 Oak Avenue - Back to the house - at 1 Frances and I drove over to Pat + Louise's - more news - Ann is engaged - She and her young man were all smiles - he is Robert Doonan, a Belmont boy. Back the house at 2.30 and dinner - a minute steak and good - Rested all the remainder of the day - from 8 to 11.30 the radio + Julia Mary left at noon to go out to Weston and got back home at 1.15 A.M.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

28 Jan. '45

Dear Mom & Dad

Everything is going along very nicely and I am getting plenty of rest, & nothing else.

This is a very quiet spot and the inactivity makes me a bit restless. Of course, it is just the place for a convalescence but, naturally, I am very anxious to be off and on my way back to the States.

FORM 539 A

There is a little town nearby which is really something to see. All the houses are made of stone and have thatched roofs. Only three of them are equipped with electricity and running water. This place where I'm staying was built in the seventeenth century and, at that, is the "newest" building in this general area.

Tomorrow, several of us are making a trip to Leicester to hear a concert by the Liverpool Philharmonic. It will give me a chance to look over some country I haven't seen before. Love to all,

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SEMPER FIDELIS
U.S. MARINE CORPS

January 28, 1945

Dear Mom and Dad,

Another quiet Sunday afternoon and I haven't done anything very exciting this weekend. I did have a three day pass but I stayed here reading and thinking about you all. I wrote to Nicky yesterday. He aught to be getting used to army life now. It doesn't take very long. It's just the day after day routine that gets you down every so often. I hope you have a very nice and happy Birthday, Mom. I'll send you something good as soon as I can.

The pictures that I took on Christmas are back and I'll have some of the negatives printed for you. They are all very good and we did manage to get some of the mountains in. The few that I took came out especially well. There is a definite art to taking pictures that come out well.

I'll close for now with lots of love to mom on her birthday and to all of you.

Love,

Peter

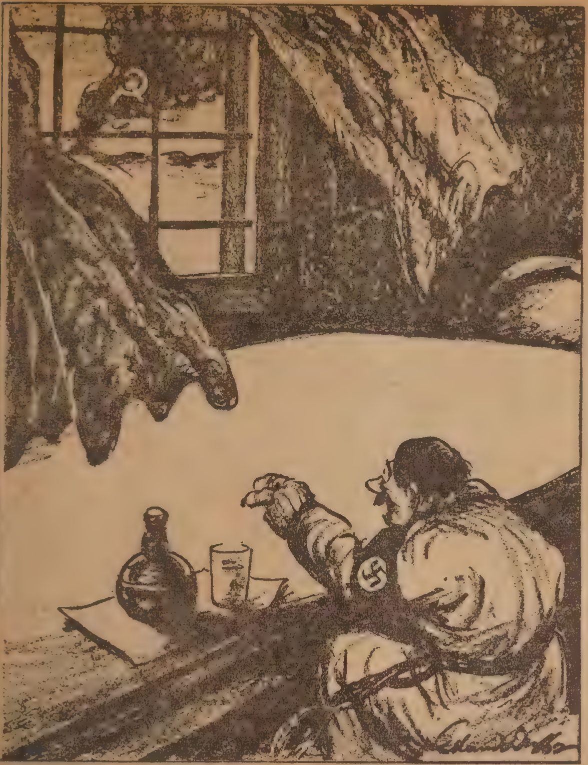
UNITED STATES ARMY

Sunday
Jan. 28, 1945

Dear Mom —

Through all the hustle and bustle of Infantry life, I just realized that Wed. will be your birthday. I hastily went over to the P.X. in hopes of getting you something, perhaps an Infantry clip - but there was nothing feminine there except a 10¢ bottle of balm for the hands — I didn't have much money, either — $1.53 to be exact — so I'm afraid a gift will have to wait - how about a short lease on that mink coat — anyway my love for you never has to wait — ever — Happy Birthday Mom - Love, Dick

DRIVE FORWARD



Duffy in The Baltimore Sun

"View from the east room."

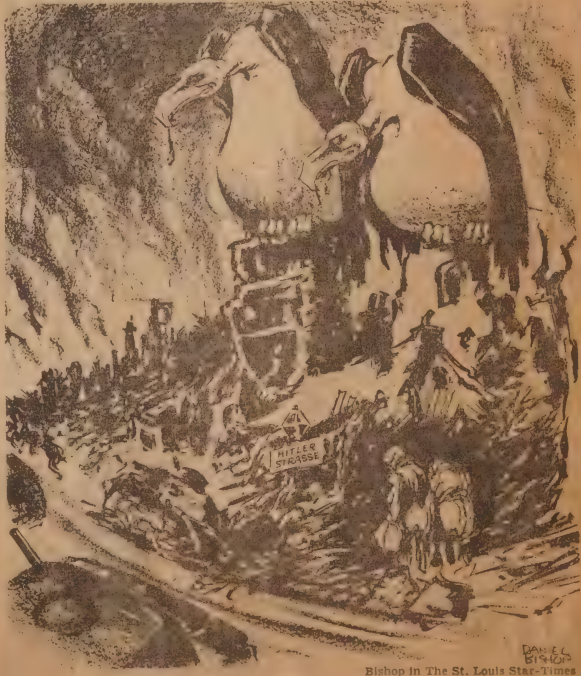
Russian Sweep

Over Germany's Frontier

Yesterday the Red Armies stood on, or surely near, the frontier of the Reich on the direct road to Berlin. The Nazis said the Soviets were within ninety-nine miles of the capital; Moscow had confirmed no gains closer than 134 miles. In two weeks they had swept—at their point of deepest penetration—more than 200 miles across the plains of Poland. They had wrested more than 40,000 square miles of territory from the Wehrmacht. They had breached Germany's frontier at Silesia. They had severed connections between the Reich proper and East Prussia. Five years and five months after Adolf Hitler launched his Panzer legions eastward, precipitating World War II, the Russians had brought the war back to the Reich.

The Red Army sweep was showing the workings of great power and bold strategy. A frontal drive along the straightest road into the Reich, due west from Warsaw, could have been a plunge into a cul-de-sac, its sides holding danger of German counter-blows from Silesia and East Prussia. Russian strategy canceled the danger. The Red Army swept not only the center but right and left flanks at the same time. The pattern set in the offensives of 1943 and 1944—a pattern of multiple blows along a broad front, of dislodging the whole German line and giving the foe no rest—was at work again.

"HOME TO ROOST"



Bishop in The St. Louis Star-Times

JAY R. BENTON

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BOSTON NEWS BUREAU

Monday, January 29, 1945

BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE REPORTS GAINS

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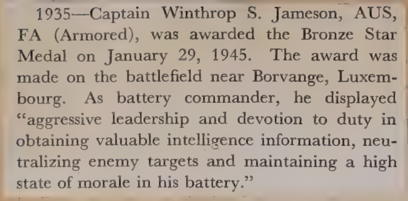

1935—Captain Winthrop S. Jameson, AUS, FA (Armored), was awarded the Bronze Star Medal on January 29, 1945. The award was made on the battlefield near Borvange, Luxembourg. As battery commander, he displayed "aggressive leadership and devotion to duty in obtaining valuable intelligence information, neutralizing enemy targets and maintaining a high state of morale in his battery."

Rain, Sleet Follow Inch of Snow, Colder Tonight, Fuel Woe Mounts

Today's storm turned from snow to rain and sleet after only an inch had fallen but the Weather Bureau predicted freezing weather this afternoon and tonight and warned of dangerous icy conditions which would result.

The drop in temperature added to the fuel crisis problem and the Weather Bureau's prediction brought new demands for emergency fuel supplies in various parts of Massachusetts.

Peace Rumor Queries Plague Hub Press, But War Carries On

The war is not over! Definitely! A rumor swept all over the city last night and those who heard it promptly called papers asking if it was all right to blow horns, ring bells and sound sirens.

Even the conservative Boston Fire Department called the Associated Press and asked if the rumor were true. And would it be all right to sound the sirens? That was call Number 83. Before that 82 persons of all ages and stations had been busy asking harassed city editors everywhere if the war was really over. They sounded disappointed when told that a rumor must be spreading.

Monday. January 29th 1945

Up at the regular time - Breakfast - orange juice - wheat germ - dropped egg on corn beef hash - catsup Toast - Iced coffee. Frances not going into Red Cross until later - I went to Town all the way on the cars. Quite a snow storm - walking conditions autrocious - subway - office - work - Everett Lane not in today his daughter sick - out at 12.30 - to Hewins + Hollis for a pair of suspenders - to the Ambassador on Winter St. for lunch. Celery Soup. Ox Tongue + Lettuce Sandwich - Mustard - Coffee. Tangerine - Back to the office - Work - Over to Charles E. Lee's office - later to Dan. Lyne's office - John Fenton of the Herald in - Left at 4.45. Moody, Mansfield, Leary - to Allston then home. Little Living Room. Dinner. A fine Roast Beef - Roast Potato - Gravy - Macaroni + Cheese. Toasted English Muffin - Milk - Custard and Banana bits. Upstairs at 7. Listened to the radio from 9 to 11.30.

Tuesday, January 30th 1945
This was a much better day
weatherwise - up at the regular
time and down for breakfast at 8.25 -
Orange juice wheat germ - fried
eggs & Bacon & Toast - to Town
all the way on the cars, - talking with
Joe Miller - Office - Work - to the Knockers
Club - Good attendance including Robert
Lincoln O Brien, on from Washington
and Rudolph King, Register of Motor
Vehicles + Shirred eggs & Sausages -
Milk - Tangerine - to Jordan's to buy
a fountain pen to send to Nicholas -
Office - Real Estate - Resumed work on
Home office salary ranges. Left at
4.45 with Moody and Mansfield -
to Allston then home. Little Living
Room - Dinner. Soup. Sliced cold
Roast Beef. French Fried Potatoes.
Escalloped Tomato - Banana Shortcake -
To Bed early and to sleep early. +

Boston University Law School Association

There will be a meeting of the Executive Committee, at the Law School 11 Ashburton Place, Boston, Mass.

On Tuesday, January 30, 1945 at 4 P. M.

Important business will be transacted, especially

Annual Luncheon

EDWARD M. DANGEL
Sec. - Treas.

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l the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

JAN. 31st 1945

SGT. PETER BENTON

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et and No. M. C. A. S.

Place MOJAVE, CALIF.

FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY

WITH PRIDE HEARTILY APPROVE

PILOT TRAINING LOVE.

YOUR FATHER

der's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone number

T. David B
612 Sqd
APO 55

David B
1st Lt. A.C.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

31 Jan. '45

Dearest Mom,

Happy Birthday! How I wish Jeannie and I might be with you to help celebrate tonight.

You would be awfully proud to see the wonderful job your Red Cross is doing at this convalescent home. It is really a swell set-up and just the thing for fellows who have been stuck in the hospital for any length of time.

I leave here tomorrow and return to the 401st for a few days. These months just past have been hard and lonely for all of us. I don't have to tell you how tremendously excited and happy I am to be on my way home at last.

Soon, Jeanne & Spike & I will be on our way to visit Grandma & Grandpa B. — and won't that be something!

Dearest love,
Dave

T. David Benton 0-771886
612 Sqdn, 401 Bomb. G.P.
APO 557, c/o P.M. N.Y., N.Y.

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Belmont, MASS.

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AMERICAN RED CROSS

[illegible] Ben
1st Lt. A.C.

31 Jan. '45
(2 yrs. in the
Army - Fooey!)

Dear Mom & Dad,

This is my last day at the Rest Home. My week here has really done a lot for me — already I have gained seven pounds of that weight lost in the hospital. I feel pretty swell now and, of course, am very excited and anxious to get home.

It will be good to collect my mail back at the base. Being so completely out of

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touch with you all is not too good — especially now since Spike is about to make this [illegible]. I'm doing everything I can to speed the process but, it still looks like another four or five weeks before I'll be back in the States. This includes time spent back at the 401st, at the P.O.E. and on the boat. My leave (21 days) will start the day after I land. Wow! — I'm high in the clouds already!!

Much love to all,
Dave

P.S. Three regular cheers for "Uncle Joe" Stalin's boys! Any bets on V-day? Ha!

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Mr. + Mrs. Jay R. Benton
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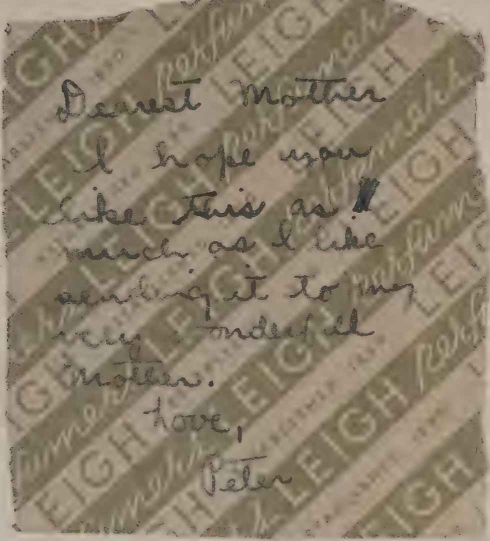
LEIGH
perfumes

Dearest Mother
I hope you
like this as
much as I like
sending it to my
very wonderful
Mother.
Love,
Peter

SEMPER FIDELIS
U.S. MARINE CORPS

January 31, 1945

Dear Mom and Dad,

Well, tonight will be mothers birthday party and I wish it were next year because I'm sure we'd all be there to celebrate. It's raining today for the first time in weeks. Up until now this has been the driest January in California. It's coming down today, though, and there's not much flying.

Each morning I wake at five-thirty because the station has to report in at six. Sometimes it's fun to receive messages but most of them are practice and the routine gets monotonous. It is very good experience and it maintains a good standard of alertness.

We played a little football yesterday afternoon. Passed and kicked mostly to see if I'd lost any timing or distance and I felt comfortable as ever about it. We can't play baseball because of the desert. There's no grass to play on so when I get back, falling will be a pleasure.

Love,
Peter

gt. Peter J. Benton
MS-51 MCAS
ojave, California

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Mr. and Mrs. Jay [illegible] Benton
3 Pequossette Road
Belmont, Massachusetts

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FRANCES' BIRTHDAY

JAN. 31, 1945

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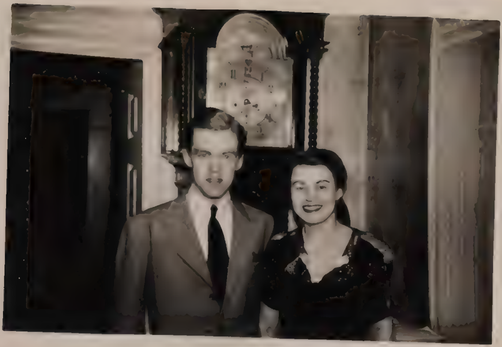

ANN
AND HER FIANCÉ.

JAN. 31, 1945

FLOWERS

FROM

FOSTER-FLORIST
TEL. BELMONT 1567
CUSHING SQUARE
BELMONT, MASS

To Mrs Jay R Benton
3 Pequossette Rd

CARD ENCLOSED

Happy Birthday

All our love

Jean & Dave

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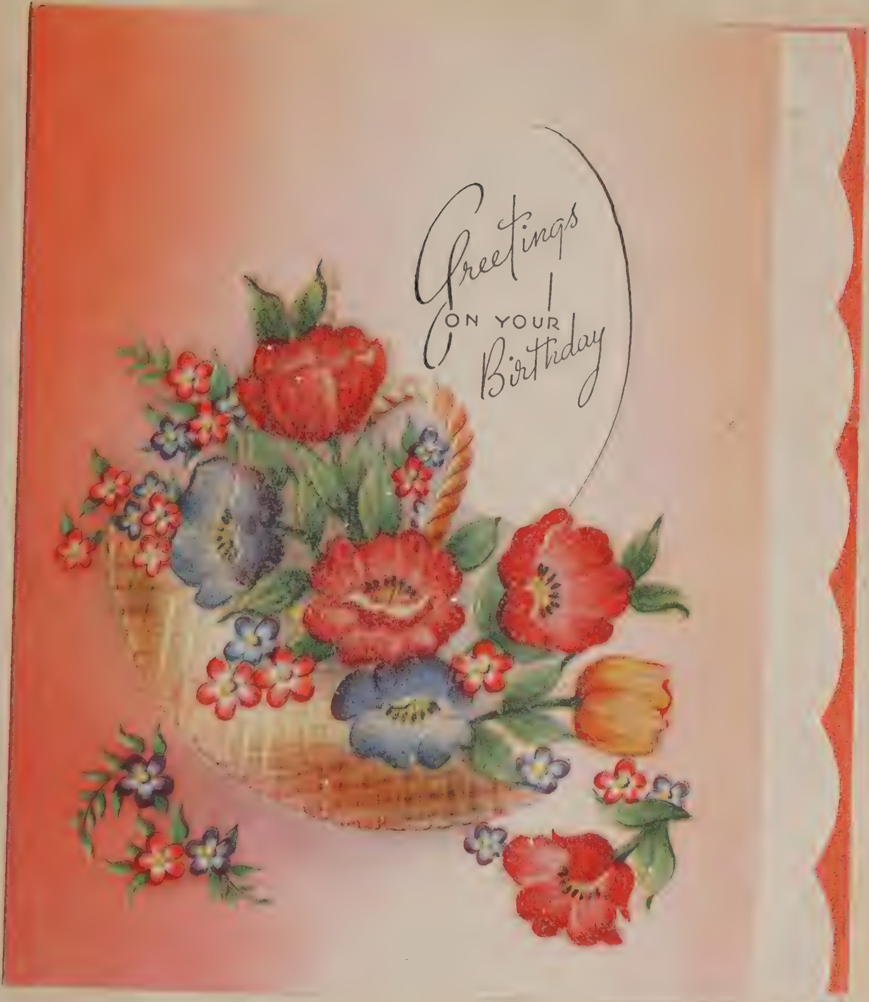
Greetings
ON YOUR
Birthday

Remembering you on Your Birthday
And trusting you will find
This day is full of gladness
Of a warm and cheery kind.

Greetings
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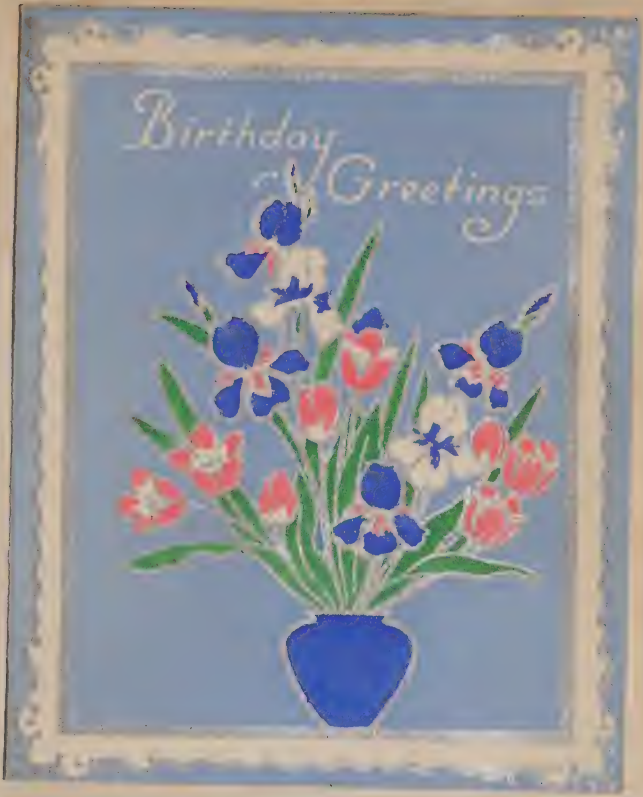
Birthday

May all your future birthdays
Each time that they appear
Bring ever growing joy to you
From year to happy year!

Kathleen & Jake


Birthday Greetings

It's a good old world—
because of You
A happier place
for the things you do
And I want you to know
On Your Birthday
How glad I am—
You came my way

With all good wishes
Elin

THE BOSTON HERALD, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1945

Miss Wettlaufer Of Belmont Engaged

Lt.-Col. and Mrs. Jules L. Wettlaufer of Belmont announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Elizabeth Ann Wettlaufer, to Mr. Robert Doonan, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Doonan of Boston.

Miss Wettlaufer was graduated from Sacred Heart Country Day School and Chamberlayne Junior College. Mr. Doonan, who was graduated from Northeastern University, is with the National Research Company.

NEW ENGLAND DEACONESS HOSPITAL
DEACONESS ROAD BOSTON, MASS.

WARREN F. COOK, *Administrator*

January 23, 1945

Mr. Jay R. Benton
3 Pequosset Road
Belmont, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Benton:

You and Mrs. Benton are cordially invited to be guests of the committee sponsoring the New England Deaconess Hospital's $1,500,000 building fund campaign at an informal dinner meeting in the Georgian Room of the Hotel Statler on Wednesday evening, January 31st, at seven o'clock.

In asking you and other representative citizens to join those now identified with the hospital's expansion program, it is hoped that we may further the public's realization of the need for this expansion. You will be interested, I am sure, in reports which will be made of results already attained toward making the greater New England Deaconess Hospital a reality.

Among the speakers at the meeting on January 31st will be Dr. Frank H. Lahey, Dr. Elliott P. Joslin and Dr. Howard F. Root. There will be no solicitation of funds.

In order that reservations may be made for you at the dinner it is requested that the enclosed card be returned at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

HD Brewer

Howard D. Brewer,
President

Enclosure

THE UPPER CONNECTICUT VALLEY AT GUILDHALL, VERMONT

Last day of the worstest month
(to date) 1945-February can't
be much worse.

"Hi"---

I think you remember Loren Morse, brother of N.W.Beattie's wife, lived on the old home farm near the Wentworth place, (you recall that place) W-e-e-l-l, he had about 40 head of cattle, no feed and refused to pay the going price for hay, therefore, they started dying off, the authorities tried to have him feed and take care of them, no soap, he "Holed" up in the house, doors and windows locked, Sunday night, Jan.28th the Law, (3 men & the Sheriff) went down to take him, he appeared at the window with a gun, the Law, not taking any chances, opened up with Tear Bombs, driving the "Mad Man" from room to room, they shot windows out in most every room in the house, finnaly getting the "Bird" in the cellar with a blanket over his head, took him to jail and then to Waterbury, Vt. (he has been over there before).

It was about 5 hours before he was taken, the Gas killed all the cats, and the house is a wreck---big doings in the old town---.

Thanks for all the papers, booklets etc, when not shoveling snow, read 'em all, kinda takes your mind (if any) off the weather.

Karl.

PSSSS-The enclosed taken from old Town Records,
(we think).

THE HISTORIANS of tomorrow will rank the rescue of the five hundred and thirteen men of Bataan, Corregidor and Singapore from the Japanese prison camp on Luzon among the most brilliant and daring exploits of all time.

Wednesday, January 31st 1945
This is Frances' 51st Birthday - For breakfast - orange juice - wheat germ - fine fish - toast - reed coffee - to town all the way on the Cars - Work - to Western Union to send a Telegram to Peter. Out to lunch at 12.30 with Everett Lane. to Patten's on Court St. Had Meat Loaf with Mushroom Sauce - Spinach - Roll - Coffee - Fruit Cup. to Iver Johnson's To buy a Box of flash bulbs and a 620 film - To Old Corner Book Store to buy a Book for Frances - to R.H. Stearns to buy a nightgown for Frances - Back To the office - Work. Left at 4.45 with Moody & Mansfield. to Allston - to Griffin's - to buy a present for Frances - and a Bottle of Bellows & Home. At 6.30 came the guests Pat & Louise, Ann & Her Fiancé - Birthday Dinner Party for Frances and a grand time -

A happy coincidence - she received letters today from David, Peter, and Nicholas.

ABNORMAL SNOWFALL THIS YEAR

32.4 Inches This Winter Against 4.9 Last Year

The folks who have been saying that the snowfall this winter has been worse than last don't realize how right they are! It has been seven times as heavy!

Figures from the weather bureau records at the Federal building show that the total snowfall for November, December and January, 1943-44, was 4.9 inches. For the same months of this winter it has been 32.4 inches.

The snowfall for the month of January this year was more than double the normal. The normal snowfall for January is 11.8 inches. This month the snowfall was 24.3 inches.

The figures for the months in 1943-44 were November, trace; December, 0.3 inches; January, 4.6 inches. This winter the snowfall has been November, 1.2 inches; December, 6.9 inches, and January, 24.3 inches.

Other heavy January snowfalls have been 1935, 26.7 inches; 1938, 29.6 inches; 1941, 20.4 inches; 1943, 26.4 inches.

Boston
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FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL STATEMENT

JANUARY, 1945

Forty-fifth Annual Statement
of the
Boston Mutual Life Insurance Company
Year Ending
December 31, 1944

"The men who direct the destinies of an institution are as important an indication of its strength as are the figures of its financial statement."

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

(First Elected to the Board in the Year Named)

JAY R. BENTON, 1932 President and Member of Finance Committee	Attorney-at-Law and Trustee Former Attorney General, Massachusetts Director and Member Executive Committee, Boston Chamber of Commerce Chairman, Greater Boston Development Committee Vice Chairman, Massachusetts Committee for Port Development Director, Arlington Gas Light Co. Vice President and Director, Waverley (Mass.) Cooperative Bank
MERTON L. BROWN, 1938	Attorney-at-Law Former Commissioner of Insurance, Massachusetts Secretary, Board of Trustees, Boston University
THOMAS H. CARENS, 1942	Vice President, Boston Edison Company Trustee, Boston Five Cents Savings Bank
LYON CARTER, 1942 Member, Finance Committee	Partner, Estabrook & Company Member, Board of Governors, Boston Stock Exchange Director, Lexington (Mass.) Trust Co.
DAMON E. HALL, 1915 General Counsel	Attorney-at-Law Partner, Hurlburt, Jones, Hall and Bickford Past President, Bar Association of the City of Boston Trustee, Cushing Academy
LESTER G. HATHAWAY, 1926	Former President, C. F. Hathaway & Sons Trustee, New England Home for Deaf Mutes

Frederick E. Jennings, 1942	Attorney-at-Law Partner, Bartlett, Jennings and Bartlett President and Chairman of the Board, Middlesex County National Bank Director, Colonial Beacon Oil Co.
J. Leonard Johnson, 1938 Member, Finance Committee	President, New England Coal Dealers Association Director, Lorain Coal and Dock Co.
Seward W. Jones, 1917 Member, Finance Committee	Treasurer, Jones Brothers Co. President, Newton-Waltham Bank and Trust Co. Trustee, Newton Centre Savings Bank
Everett H. Lane, 1945	Assistant Secretary and Treasurer
Leo H. Leary, 1940	Attorney-at-Law Presiding Justice, South Boston Municipal Court Trustee, Franklin Savings Bank Director, Naushon Mills, Inc.
Robert Luce, 1917	President, Luce Press Clipping Bureau Member of Congress, 1919–1941
Edward C. Mansfield, 1915 Secretary and Treasurer	Trustee, Brighton Five Cents Savings Bank Former Postmaster, City of Boston
John W. Marno, 1932 Member, Finance Committee	Vice President, State Street Trust Co.
Frank L. Richardson, 1922 Member, Finance Committee	Executive Vice President,Newton-Waltham Bank and Trust Co. Director, Boston Elevated Railway Co. Director, Boston & Middlesex Street Railway Co. Director, New England Confectionery Co. Trustee, Newton Centre Savings Bank President, Newton Hospital Vice Chairman, Trustees, Northeastern University Trustee, Suburban Electric Securities Co.

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FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE

BOSTON MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

To the Policyholders:

For the fourth successive year the Annual Report comes to you in time of war. The activities of the Boston Mutual during its 53rd year of business were affected, in common with all business, by the continuation of the war. All of us are aware of the diversified problems that faced us in 1944 and, in fact, since the war started. The devaluation of the dollar some years ago, the increase in the cost of living during the past four years, the heavy increase in taxation, the decreased yield on investment funds, government regulation and restrictions, the shortage of personnel in the home office and in the field, these and other factors imposed unprecedented handicaps to the progress of our work and the reaching of our important objectives. But in spite of all this, the Boston Mutual continued to forge ahead and the past year was one of the best the Company has had since it started business over a half a century ago. An Annual Report affords a timely opportunity to give to the policyholders a picture of the varied activities of management, its objectives, its problems and its accomplishments, as well as for the recording of financial results for the past twelve months. We believe the following information will be gratifying.

SURVEY OF RESULTS ACCOMPLISHED IN 1944

We had a fine gain of insurance on the books; the total combined increase for 1944 being $9,437,018. This record was made even though the number of our Field men was materially reduced. This added insurance means that we started off the year 1945 with a total insurance in force of $129,220,006. During the year the number of new policies issued totaled 45,546 and we welcome the new policyholders to the Company. There are now 371,219 policyholders and this large body of people are united for the great and sole purpose of providing life insurance protection at as low a cost as is compatible with safety. This is a mutual company and no one but a policyholder can share in any profits from its operations. Mutual life insurance is not a commercial industry. It is primarily and essentially a service institution. Its work is to safeguard and conserve the funds entrusted to it and administer them efficiently, economically, and safely, entirely in the interest of and for the benefit of the policyholders.

The policyholders of a mutual company make certain premium payments to the company to obtain protection. Such payments are scientifically calculated to defray the expenses of the company's operations and to establish a fund which, with accumulated interest derived from its investment, will insure the payment of all claims and benefits due to members under their policies. This, then, is a co-operative organization. Your attendance is welcome at our annual meetings. Every policyholder is entitled to vote. Every policy issued carries a notice of the date of the annual meeting.

The total income for the Company for the year was $5,980,876. Of this $5,241,932 represents premiums paid by policyholders. The income derived from investments amounted to $555,887. We had a gain from insurance operations of $463,030. Practically all of the funds we had on hand last year for investment we put into United States Government War Bonds in order that we might participate in the war effort to the utmost of our ability. Our investment in War Bonds in 1944 increased by $3,494,059.

However, it must be remembered that such bonds pay a lower rate of interest than any other investment made by the Company. The result has been that the purchase of such bonds has had the effect of lowering the over-all return from our investment portfolio. In addition, all new securities have relatively lower yields than was the case in normal times and, besides, the dearth of good mortgage loans and the stiff competitive practices for the few that are available have all played a part in the continued decline in the interest rate. Our net rate last year was 2.59%; in 1943, 2.64%.

The loss from interest was $137,662 last year as compared with $119,531 in 1943. However, war or no war, money must continue to work and we know that as long as the present conflict lasts, as well as during the period of readjustment to peace, we must operate under abnormal conditions. There is nothing to indicate that there will be any improvement in interest rates in 1945.

COMPANY SHOWS SOUND PROGRESS

1944 was a year in which the total admitted assets, the premium income, and the excess of income over disbursements attained all time highs.

Last year the total admitted assets of the Company increased by $2,397,338—from $19,732,098 to $22,129,436. This was a gain of 12.1%. Liabilities at the end of the calendar year amounted to $20,641,487, the greater part of which are the policy reserves of $19,623,635.

The laws of Massachusetts, and the other states in which the Company does business, provide for and require the accumulation of a reserve for the fulfillment of the policy guarantees. It is computed on an exact mathematical basis of approved mortality tables and compound interest rates prescribed by statute. This "reserve" is the legal guarantee fund, which, with future premiums, insures the payment of our contractual obligations.

Excess of income over disbursements last year was $2,310,866. We had cash in the banks on December 31st amounting to $528,035. On December 31st our surplus stood at a new high of $1,433,513. We added $252,032 to that fund during the year.

WHAT WE TOOK IN

The total income of this Company from all sources last year was $5,980,876. You may be interested to know what happened to all this money:

WHAT WE PAID OUT

First: $1,761,047 was paid to policyholders and beneficiaries.

Second: $1,382,394 was paid to the agency organization for writing new and conserving old business, including medical examiners' fees and inspection of risks of $31,105.

Third: $352,534 was paid for home office administration expenses, including the home office payroll of $196,921 and investment expenses of $15,643.

Fourth: $108,695 was paid for taxes, including real estate, social security, State, and miscellaneous.

Fifth: $33,234 was charged for losses on sales and decrease by adjustment of ledger assets.

Sixth: $32,106 was paid for miscellaneous disbursements.

Adding all these items makes a total of $3,670,010. That left $2,310,866, and of this $2,058,834 was used to increase reserves, while the balance of $252,032 was allocated to surplus.

PAYMENTS TO POLICYHOLDERS AND BENEFICIARIES

In 1944 the home office sent out hundreds of checks each week to pay for the various benefits provided for in our policy contracts. The grand total amounted to $1,761,047. It is significant that $925,714 was paid to living policyholders as against $835,333 paid to beneficiaries named in the policies.

When you add what we paid to policyholders and beneficiaries last year to similar previous payments, Boston Mutual has paid an impressive total of $40,175,082. 40 million dollars is a lot of money but figures do not tell the whole story of the service thus rendered by the Boston Mutual. The recipients know full well that life insurance proceeds are an ever present bulwark in the time of need. 40 millions paid to policyholders, their widows, parents, brothers, sisters, and other beneficiaries. All these payments make up a human interest story of countless blessings. These dollars put food on the table, paid for clothes, provided medical, dental, nursing and other care for thousands of our people. It paid off mortgages on homes, kept businesses solvent and able to meet payrolls, sent boys and girls to college, and in a thousand other ways at a time of crisis served as a godsend to those in need.

1945 DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST PAYMENTS

The Board of Directors have voted to continue the existing scale of dividends during the coming year. It was also voted that dividends left to accumulate will bear interest at 2½% per year and the interest on other dividends held on deposit will be at the rate of 3%. $304,000 has been set aside for dividends in 1945 as compared with $273,000 last year.

THE INVESTED FUNDS OF THE COMPANY

All of the securities of the Company are carried at the values prescribed by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners at their meeting held June 17, 1944. Bonds amply secured and paying regular interest are carried at amortized values. The remainder, as well as all stocks, are valued at their December 1, 1944 market prices.

Total admitted assets of the Company increased from $19,732,097at the end of 1943 to $22,129,436 on December 31, 1944, or $2,397,339. These new funds together with those received from the sale of real estate and securities and the payment of policy and mortgage loans presented a difficult problem for satisfactory investment. The policy of the Company continued to be to invest these funds largely in United States Government securities, which accordingly increased during the year by $3,494,059 to a total of $16,633,846.

Interest rates continued to decline, thereby making it possible for borrowers to finance or refinance their securities at lower rates. Our already low holdings of other than Government bonds accordingly decreased still further as the result of redemptions, sales, and maturities. These amounted to $1,114,000 par value while replacements satisfactory to our requirements were found in the amount of but $446,000.

At the close of the year our assets were principally invested as follows, with a comparison with the previous year:

	1944	% of Total Assets	1943	% of Total Assets
Securities	$18,485,267	84.0%	$15,676,292	79.4%
Mortgages	1,510,213	6.8	1,592,808	8.0
Policy Loans	838,899	3.8	915,584	4.6
Real Estate . . . . (Including Home Office Bldg. Excluding property sold under sales contract)	184,164	0.8	284,491	1.4

The Company's securities consisted of the following:

		% of Securities
U. S. Government Bonds	$16,633,847	90.0%
Canadian Government Bonds	151,437	0.8
Municipal and Provincial Bonds	182,789	1.0
Railroad Bonds	558,885	3.0
Public Utility Bonds	679,593	3.7
Industrial and Miscellaneous Bonds . . .	228,816	1.2
Stocks	49,900	0.3

Our investment in United States and Canadian Government bonds consists of 76% of the Company's entire admitted assets, a further decided increase over the comparable figures of 67% and 63% in the two previous years, and of 34% five years ago at the end of 1939.

MORTGAGE LOANS

On December 31, 1944, the mortgage portfolio consisted of 374 mortgages, representing a principal balance of $1,510,213. Three hundred fourteen of these loans, involving a principal amount of approximately $1,253,000, are on residential properties, chiefly occupied by the owners as homes, and located almost entirely in the Metropolitan Boston area. Thirty-five residential loans, involving an investment of $135,854 are secured by mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration, a Government agency.

At the close of the year there was no mortgage in the process of foreclosure. During the entire twelve months of 1944 there was but one mortgage foreclosure and the property thus acquired was promptly sold at a price which repaid the Company in full for the amount invested and the attendant expense.

The mortgage portfolio shows an excellent condition of account with payments of interest, principal, and taxes in good current standing. At the close of the year overdue interest—for the most part not more than a month overdue—amounted to the sum of $1,244, or .08% of the mortgage investment.

The Company continued to adhere strictly to its established practice of making new mortgage loans only where the property to secure the loan represented ample security on conservative appraisal and the borrowers' credit standing was satisfactory. New loans were made in 1944 amounting to $168,382, despite the scarcity of loans which would meet the Company's investment standards and the large volume of funds from all sources available for such investments. However, payments made on existing loans continued to be substantial during the year and the mortgage portfolio declined $82,595 during that period.

REAL ESTATE

Real Estate holdings acquired in past years through foreclosures of mortgages declined sharply in 1944. Twenty-one properties were sold, reducing the dollar amount of real estate holdings by $107,073. As of January 1, 1945, the Company's real estate owned, exclusive of the home office building and four properties sold in previous years under contract of sale, consisted of sixteen parcels in which the investment was $84,164. Fourteen of these properties are residential and located in the Metropolitan Boston area. The remaining two properties, located outside Massachusetts, represent an investment of only $6,800.

None of the real estate owned is commercial or industrial property. The properties which remain are tenanted and kept in good physical condition available for immediate sale. At the close of the year there were no vacancies and no rent in arrears. Prospects for further real estate liquidation in 1945 appear favorable, particularly in view of the wartime curtailment of new building which has resulted in an active market for existing housing facilities.

POLICY LOANS

The improved income and financial situation generally has resulted in fewer policy loans being sought. This trend continued all last year. At the end of December our total policy loans amounted to $835,638, as compared with $913,038 a year ago—five years ago they were $1,187,803.

CASH SURRENDERS

Last year we paid out for cash surrender values $254,667. This was $17,562 less than was paid in 1943.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

January 24, 1945.

The duties of the Auditing Committee as provided in the By-Laws of the Company are to supervise the examination of the books and accounts of the Company and all its assets and securities and to report each year to the Annual Policyholders Meeting.

Last year we presented the report of our independent Auditors, Scovell, Wellington and Company, who in December 1943 made an examination of the books and records of the Company. As the examiners from the Massachusetts Insurance Department are now making their regular triennial examination, it was deemed unnecessary to go to the large expense of having another independent audit at this time. We shall receive the report from the State examination later in the year and the Auditing Committee plans to have another independent audit in 1946.

Respectfully submitted,

AUDITING COMMITTEE

DAMON E. HALL, *Chairman*
THOMAS H. CARENS
JOHN W. MARNO

TRIENNIAL EXAMINATION

Every three years your Company, in common with other insurance companies domiciled in Massachusetts, is subject to a complete examination by examiners of the Massachusetts Insurance Department. Such an examination has recently been made—the work having started as of September 30th last.

The examination includes a complete audit of the books of account and review of the transactions giving rise to the book entries, a physical count of cash and securities, a check of bank balances, a review of the papers in connection with mortgage and real estate transactions, and an examination into the valuation of all assets and liabilities. It also includes a detailed review of the Company's operating policies and practices to see that they comply with the State laws and the Company's charter. This careful supervision is a little known but highly important factor in the remarkable safety of the life insurance policies issued and the carrying out of the guarantees made in them. It is the very highest advantage to private management to have regular periodic examinations of our ways of doing business, accounting practices, and asset structure by the Massachusetts Insurance Department. They bring to bear painstaking care in checking the Company's operations and constitute a guaranty that the policyholders' investment is protected against every hazard.

In addition to the triennial examinations, the Company's Financial Statement is reviewed annually by the insurance departments of the states in which we do business, and the Company's calculation of reserves required to be held for its policies is verified by independent calculation by the Massachusetts Insurance Department, on the basis of which a certificate of correctness of the legal reserve is furnished annually to the Company.

THE MORTALITY EXPERIENCE IN 1944

Mortality experience in 1944 was favorable although somewhat increased over last year. At the beginning of the year there was an influenza epidemic which resulted in numerous deaths, but the increased mortality from this source was largely offset during the year by the general good health of the civilian population.

There were 2,827 deaths in 1944 among the policyholders of the Company. Diseases of the heart constituted the principal cause of death and accounted for 794 deaths out of the total. The strain of wartime living conditions, particularly in the case of policyholders in the older age groups, resulted in a larger percentage of deaths due to heart diseases than in previous years.

WAR FATALITIES

As was anticipated, war losses increased substantially in 1944 and the Company records, with deep regret, the deaths, in the service of their countr, of 371 policyholders. The vast majority of these deaths were due to direc enemy action. The very small percentage of deaths, in the military services, from disease or accident reflects the high standards of care and medical attention afforded to the country's fighting men and women by the Armed Services.

The Company paid $125,762 on the 371 war death claims in 1944. This was 16.5% of the total death claims paid during the year. In 1943 war deaths numbered 121 and payments on such claims $37,049. While the war claims have increased, they have not seriously affected the Company's favorable mortality experience and the Company is proud to be in a position to be of help to those to whom the tragedy of war has come.

NECROLOGY

During the past year the Company has lost by death two of its oldest and most faithful superintendents, John F. Brennan of Lawrence and Harry W. Porter of New Bedford. They had served the Company for many years and had much to do with the upbuilding of the Company and its steadily increasing reputation for square dealing and liberal treatment of its policyholders in their respective districts.

John F. Brennan came to the Company as an agent in Lynn, Massachusetts, on May 17, 1906, where he served under the former Superintendent Robert King. In March 1907 he was promoted to assistant superintendent at Lawrence and on September 19, 1910 he was made superintendent of the Lawrence District, which position he held until his death on February 3, 1944. Thus he served the Boston Mutual for 38 continuous years—34 of which he was in charge of the District as superintendent.

Harry W. Porter first became connected with the Company on September 1[illegible], 1914 as an agent in the Boston District under William H. Moody as superintendent. He was promoted to assistant superintendent of the Boston District on September 5, 1916 and six years later—on February 18, 192[illegible]—was promoted to superintendent of the New Bedford District. He remained as superintendent until his death on June 9, 1944, having completed 30 years of continuous service—22 years of which he served as superintendent.

The records of these two men are shining examples of faithful and loyal service to the Company. They had contributed in no small degree to the growth of the Company and its increasing prestige and their passing was a deep sorrow to all who knew them—officials, agents, and policyholders alike.

CONCLUSION

This report shows that we have had an active year, that the growth of the Company has been sturdy, steady, and upon a firm financial basis. We now enter into our fifty-fourth year of doing business. We continue to do so under wartime conditions. All business is undergoing a change and as we approach the period of reconversion that will follow this war, there will be an unparalleled opportunity to exert our efforts to the end that our business shall not only continue to go forward but also do its part in making a contribution in moulding a strong, peaceful, and prosperous post-war New England.

This report would not be complete without an expression of sincere thanks to all whose cooperation contributed to the Company's marked growth and progress.

Management is very appreciative of the loyalty and efficiency of all the members of our field organization and home office personnel. The substance of this report is evidence of the quality of their work. We desire to again express our gratitude to all who helped to maintain Boston Mutual's high standard of service to our 371,000 policyholders despite war inconveniences. It is our earnest hope that the year before us will bring victory and peace.

In the meantime, it is our purpose, first, to give our best efforts in the service of our policyholders who have expressed their confidence in Boston Mutual life insurance as a secure investment in their economic future; and, secondly, to make ready for the reconversion problems that the end of the war will bring. The job of conversion from war to peace will be well done if business sees as clearly the needs of peace as it did those of war.

Presented on behalf of the Board of Directors,

Jay R. Benton

President.

THE FINANCIAL RECORD OF THE COMPANY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1944

WHAT WE HAVE

Government, state, political subdivisions and corporation bonds (book value)	$18,435,367.11
Public utility and other stocks (market value)	71,100.00
First mortgage loans on real estate	1,510,393.72
Loans to policyholders secured by policy reserves	870,949.16
Real estate owned by Company, including home office building	199,107.75
Cash in office and deposited in banks	502,345.80
Premiums guaranteed under Soldiers' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act	3,687.90
Trust Funds	25,795.00
Interest and rents due and accrued, and due and deferred premiums secured by policy reserves	606,149.52
	$22,224,895.96
Less:	
Mortgage loan funds held in escrow, suspense accounts and trust funds	49,456.63
	$22,175,439.33
Less assets not admitted	46,003.26
Total	$22,129,436.07

WHAT WE OWE

Policy reserves (Massachusetts Standard), being amount required to meet all policy obligations December 31, 1944		$19,475,390.00
Additional reserves for accidental death, disability benefits and supplementary contracts		148,568.74
Matured endowments and policy claims in process of settlement		133,989.58
Estimated federal, state and real estate taxes		83,500.00
Dividends due policyholders and dividends left with Company to accumulate at interest		315,829.63
Premiums paid in advance		157,930.88
Miscellaneous liabilities		21,353.77
Dividends declared on or apportioned to annual and deferred dividend policies for 1945		304,924.66
		$20,641,487.26
Contingent reserve on real estate	$ 54,435.47	
Unassigned surplus funds	1,433,513.34	1,487,948.81
Total		$22,129,436.07

WHAT WE TOOK IN

Total premium income	$5,242,027.48
Total interest, dividends and rents received	591,887.40
Dividends left with Company to accumulate at interest	45,907.92
Gross profits on sale or maturity of ledger assets	87,082.59
Consideration for supplementary contracts	13,957.96
Income miscellaneous	13.05
Total income	$5,980,876.40

WHAT WE PAID OUT

Death claims, disability and double indemnity benefits and matured endowments	$1,278,130.33
Cash surrender values, including premium notes voided by lapse	254,668.01
Dividends paid in cash and applied to pay renewal premiums and to purchase paid-up additions, and left with Company to accumulate at interest	228,248.91
Total amount paid to policyholders	$1,761,047.25
Paid for claims not involving life contingencies, and dividends held on deposit and surrendered during year	28,410.75
Agency expenses, including salaries and medical examiners' fees and inspection of risks	1,385,858.45
Salaries of officers, home office employees and legal expenses	205,241.80
Expense on real estate and mortgage loans	11,496.33
Home office rents, advertising, furniture, printing, fixtures, stationery, supplies and sundry small items	136,025.43
Federal income taxes, and real estate, social security, state and miscellaneous taxes and fees	108,695.83
Gross loss on sale or maturity of ledger assets	30,271.34
	$3,667,047.18
Gross decrease, by adjustment, in book value of ledger assets	2,962.99
Total disbursements	$3,670,010.17
Excess of income over disbursements	$2,310,866.23
	$5,980,876.40

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SCHEDULE OF SECURITIES

Owned by the Company December 31, 1944

	Rate	Maturity	Par Value	Book or Amortized Value
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT				
United States of America, War Savings Bond, Series "G"	2½	5/ 1/53	$ 50,000	$ 50,000.00
United States of America, War Savings Bond, Series "G"	2½	1/ 1/54	50,000	50,000.00
United States of America, War Savings Bond, Series "G"	2½	7/ 1/54	50,000	50,000.00
United States of America, War Savings Bond, Series "G"	2½	1/ 1/55	100,000	100,000.00
United States of America, War Savings Bond, Series "G"	2½	2/ 1/56	100,000	100,000.00
United States of America, Treas. Bond	1¾	6/15/48	480,000	480,900.00
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2	6/15/51–49	325,000	327,034.88
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2	12/15/51–49	775,000	776,223.03
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2	3/15/52–50	500,000	507,924.26
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2	9/15/52–50	300,000	302,281.73
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2	9/15/53–51	1,175,000	1,179,083.61
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2½	3/15/54–52	600,000	612,571.40
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2	12/15/54–52	875,000	875,000.00
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2½	3/15/58–56	1,500,000	1,537,638.37
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2¼	9/15/59–56	3,500,000	3,509,505.14
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2½	6/15/67–62	355,000	355,292.19
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2½	12/15/68–63	1,800,000	1,801,204.95
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2½	6/15/69–64	425,000	425,000.00
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2½	3/15/70–65	2,175,000	2,175,000.00
United States of America, Treas. Bond	2½	9/15/72–67	1,275,000	1,287,281.99
Total			$16,410,000	$16,501,941.55
UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT GUARANTEED				
Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (Deb.) (FHA)	3	7/ 1/55	$ 4,400	$ 4,652.01
Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (Deb.) (FHA)	3	7/ 1/58	19,400	20,826.85
Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (Deb.) (FHA)	3	7/ 1/59	32,400	34,796.92
Mutual Mortgage Insurance Fund (Deb.) (FHA)	3	7/ 1/60	50,050	53,845.77
Total			$ 106,250	$ 114,121.55

	Rate	Maturity	Par Value	Book or Amortized Value
Foreign Government				
Dominion of Canada, Government of the	2½	1/15/48	$ 150,000	$ 150,744.46
States, Territories and Possessions				
New Brunswick, Province of	4	11/15/47	$ 50,000	$ 50,109.92
Nova Scotia, Province of	4½	9/15/52	50,000	51,302.27
Ontario, Province of	4	5/15/49	25,000	25,380.36
Ontario, Province of	4½	1/15/52	25,000	27,182.36
Total			$ 150,000	$ 153,974.91
Political Subdivisions of States, Territories and Possessions				
New York, N. Y.	3	6/ 1/80	$ 19,000	$ 18,344.31
St. Petersburg, Florida	3	10/ 1/72	10,000	7,410.41
Total			$ 29,000	$ 25,754.72
Railroads				
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co. (Con. —'05)	4	6/ 1/55	$ 34,000	$ 35,388.44
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co. (Con. —'09)	4	6/ 1/55	16,000	16,656.90
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co. (Gen. Mtge.)	4	10/ 1/95	50,000	54,006.30
Canadian National Railway Co. (Guaranteed)	5	10/1 /69	100,000	110,765.98
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line R.R. Co. (1st Mtge.)	4	1/ 1/53	20,000	19,729.20
Great Northern Ry. Co. (Gen. Mtge.) (Conv.)	4	7/ 1/46	90,000	91,554.27
Indiana, Illinois & Iowa R.R. Co. (1st Mtge.)	4	7/ 1/50	25,000	25,407.65
Lehigh & New England R.R. Co. (Gen. Mtge.)	4	4/ 1/65	15,000	15,000.00
New England Railroad Co. (Consol.)	4	7/ 1/45	20,000	18,800.00
New York, New Haven & Hartford R.R. Co.—Harlem River & Port Chester (1st Mtge.)	4	5/ 1/54	20,000	19,444.12
New York, Philadelphia & Norfolk R.R. (Stock Trust Certificate)	4	6/ 1/48	25,000	25,080.75
Norwich & Worcester R.R. Co. (1st Mtge.)	4½	3/ 1/47	25,000	25,049.97
The Pennsylvania R.R. Co. (Gen. Mtge.)	3¾	4/ 1/70	50,000	49,275.53
Virginian Railway Co. (1st Lien & Ref. Mtge.)	3¾	3/ 1/66	44,000	44,806.52
Total			$ 534,000	$ 550,965.63

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PUBLIC UTILITIES	Rate	Maturity	Par Value	Book or Amortized Value
American Telephone & Telegraph (Conv. Deb.)	3	9/ 1/56	$ 35,000	$ 36,400.00
Central Illinois Light Co. (1st & Consol.)	3½	4/ 1/66	9,000	9,331.36
Columbia Gas & Electric Corp. (Deb.)	5	1/15/61	15,000	14,756.34
Connecticut River Power Co. (1st Mtge.)	3¾	2/15/61	46,000	47,818.99
Consolidated Edison Co. of N. Y., Inc. (Deb.)	3½	4/ 1/56	10,000	10,200.00
Detroit Edison Co. (Gen. & Ref.)	4	10/ 1/65	10,000	10,600.00
Duquesne Light Co. (1st Mtge.)	3½	6/ 1/65	60,000	62,400.00
Eastern Mass. St. Ry. Co. (Gen. Mtge.)	4	3/ 1/62	131,000	135,275.00
Iowa Public Service Co. (Deb.)	5	3/ 1/68	5,000	4,790.13
Kansas City Gas Co. (1st Mtge.)	5	2/ 1/46	8,000	7,882.79
Louisville Gas & Electric Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.)	3½	9/ 1/66	20,000	20,850.00
Minneapolis Gas Light Co. (1st Mtge.)	4	6/ 1/50	25,000	25,000.00
Minnesota Power & Light Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.)	4½	5/ 1/78	20,000	17,529.27
Monongahela West Penn. Public Service Co. (1st Mtge.)	4½	10/ 1/60	$ 50,000	$ 51,875.00
Muncie Water Works Co. (1st Mtge.)	5	5/ 1/65	10,000	10,165.56
Nebraska Power Co. (1st Mtge.)	4½	6/ 1/81	7,000	7,350.00
Niagara Falls Power Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.)	3½	3/ 1/66	9,000	9,433.00
Northern States Power Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.)	3½	2/ 1/67	45,000	45,441.69
Penn Central Light & Power Co. (1st Mtge.)	4½	11/ 1/77	5,000	4,783.35
Portland General Electric Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.) (Stamped)	4½	9/ 1/60	10,000	8,756.67
Savannah Electric Co. (1st Consol.)	5	1/ 1/52	15,000	15,892.91
Savannah Electric & Power Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.)	4	7/ 1/47	10,000	9,599.50
Savannah Electric & Power Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.)	5	9 /1/55	10,000	10,000.00
Shawinigan Water & Power Co. (1st Mtge. & Coll. Trust)	4½	10/ 1/67	15,000	14,447.76
Southern Natural Gas Co. (1st Mtge.)	3¼	4/ 1/56	24,000	24,660.00
Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. (1st & Ref. Mtge.)	3½	12/ 1/64	10,000	10,750.00
Texas Power & Light Co. (1st & Ref.)	5	11/ 1/56	24,000	23,602.70
Westchester Lighting Co. (Gen. Mtge.)	3½	7/ 1/67	10,000	10,046.26
West Penn. Power Co. (1st Mtge.)	3½	1/ 1/66	10,000	10,750.00
Total			$ 658,000	$ 670,388.28

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	Rate	Maturity	Par Value	Book or Amortized Value
INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS				
The American Tobacco Co. (Deb.).....	3	10/15/69	$ 150,000	$ 149,813.15
Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, Maine (1st Mtge.)................	3½	11/ 1/50	65,000	68,111.67
Roman Catholic Bishop of Portland, Maine (1st Mtge.)................	3½	11/ 1/52	10,000	10,561.01
Total................................			$ 225,000	$ 228,485.83
GRAND TOTAL (Bonds)..................			$18,262,250	$18,396,376.93

STOCKS	Par Value per Share	Commissioners Convention Value
200 Shares Electric Bond & Share Co., $6.00 Cum. Pref......	....	$19,800.00
900 Shares First National Bank of Boston, Common.........	$12.50	51,300.00
GRAND TOTAL (Stocks).......................		$71,100.00

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*On leave of absence with the armed forces.

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Lewiston, Maine	133 Lisbon Street, William A. Fyfe, Supt.
Lowell	Appleton Bank Building, 174 Central Street, Joseph E. Cote, Supt.
Lynn	496 Washington Street, John C. U. Ring, Supt.
Malden	170 Pleasant Street, William H. Farrell, Supt.
Manchester, N. H.	1060 Elm Street, Thomas S. DeVellis, Supt.
New Bedford	Olympia Building, 888 Purchase Street, Harry L. Freeman, Supt.
North Adams	Kimball Building, 85 Main Street, Clifton B. Powers, Supt.
Pawtucket	161 Main Street, Henry L. Horan, Supt.
Pittsfield	246 North Street, Melvin R. Tappin, Supt.
Portland, Maine	Congress Building, 142 High Street, William M. Walsh, Acting Supt.
Providence, R. I.	Grosvenor Building, 10 Weybosset Street, Ambrose F. White, Supt.
Quincy	1458 Hancock Street, Alexander H. McLellan, Supt.
Roslindale	4196 Washington Street, Linus M. Callen, Supt.
Salem	221 Essex Street, John J. Quinn, Supt.
Springfield	83 State Street, Joseph A. Smith, Supt.
Taunton	Taylor Building, 14 Taunton Green, William J. Fitzpatrick, Supt.
Waltham	Mercantile Building, 680 Main Street, Harry G. Scampton, Supt.
Woonsocket, R. I.	Stadium Building, 18 Monument Square, Louis I. Leon, Supt.
Worcester	Day Building, 306 Main Street, Bernard J. McCormick, Supt.

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CAUSES OF DEATHS IN 1944

Ordinary and Industrial

AGES	1 to 10	10 to 20	20 to 30	30 to 40	40 to 50	50 to 60	60 to 70	70 to 80	Total	%
Heart	22	17	21	44	78	270	204	138	794	28
Arteriosclerosis			4	1	30	88	135	143	401	14
Pneumonia	68	14	8	20	14	68	41	44	277	10
Cancer		1	6	22	24	78	85	26	242	9
Tuberculosis		12	36	39	35	28	11		161	6
Accidental	37	16	18	20	27	18	15	8	159	6
Unclassified	33	10	10	18	17	18	7	9	122	4
Acute Infections	40	5	4	8	4	5	1	2	69	3
Kidney	8	2	4	9	3	10	23	8	67	2
Gastro Intestinal	7	3	2	13	11	12	12	2	62	2
Cen. Nerv. System	5	11	8	6	5	6	5		46	1
Diabetes		1	1	1	6	14	16	1	40	1
Suicide		3	1		6	1	1	4	16	1
War Casualties		75	253	40	3				371	13
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